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WASHINGTON LEVER ON JAPAN

TWO NAZI RAIDERS SHOT DOWN

London, To-day.
It is revealed that R.A.F. fighters have brought down at least two German bombers which have attacked shipping and reconnoitred the British coasts in the last two or three days.
Bodies of German airmen have been washed ashore at two points.
—Reuter.

COMINTERN ON GERMAN SOIL!

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.
The "Yorkshire Evening News" reports that Hitler recently permitted the establishment of the central West European Bureau of the Comintern on German soil.
The bureau was opened in Stuttgart, despite strong objections by the military authorities to the establishment of Communist organs on German territory.

The bureau will probably handle propaganda in all West European countries, but at present is concentrating on France.

A wireless station located in western Bavaria has been placed at its disposal and propagandistic broadcasts in French are being carried out.

Similar broadcasts will soon be made in English, the newspaper asserts.—Havas.

DANISH STEAMER SENT TO THE BOTTOM

London, To-day.
Fifteen members of the crew of the Danish steamer, Vidar, were lost when the ship was sunk by mine or torpedo yesterday. One British and one French ship also reported to have been lost yesterday.—Reuter.

WEATHER FORECAST:—North and north-east winds fresh, clearing, becoming later colder.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.

POLITICAL CIRCLES ARE OF OPINION THAT SENATOR KEY PITTMAN'S PROPOSAL THAT THE GOVERNMENT BE GIVEN THE POWER TO PLACE AN EMBARGO ON JAPANESE GOODS RESPONDS TO THE ADMINISTRATION'S VIEWS, AS THE NECESSITY IS FELT IN WASHINGTON TO POSSESS WEAPONS THE USE OF WHICH MIGHT BECOME IMPERATIVE.

Certain Congressional groups show hesitation, however, as they fear the threat of a move by Japan.

The speech by the Japanese Foreign Minister has not changed feelings in Washington.

While a certain relief is felt at the indication that a Russo-Japanese agreement, is impossible, it is noted here that Mr. Arita clearly indicated that Japan is going on with the building of a "New Order" in East Asia.

Despite assertions to the contrary the opinion is expressed here that this "New Order" can only be detrimental to the lawful interests of foreigners.

Washington Views Unchanged

No desire is shown in Washington to recognise the Japanese pretensions to East Asia as a Japanese "living space", in the development of which foreign participation would be accepted by Tokyo.

No decision action by the United States is expected, however, as every move in world politics at present is conditioned by the European conflict.

Tokyo as well as Washington remains watchful and the duration of the European war is one of the principal elements in their political plans.

Chungking is also taking up the same attitude, and it is reported here that General Chiang Kai-shek told American private visitors that he will resist at least until the end of the European war.—Havas.

BATTLE IN NORTH SEA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.

Heavy gunfire out at sea off the Netherlands coast occurred yesterday afternoon.

Nothing could be seen and it is not known whether surface craft were in action or whether an air attack was made on warships.—Havas.

S.O.S. PICKED UP

London, To-day.
An S.O.S. message has been picked up from a ship which reports her position as about 300 miles from the Azores on the main shipping lane from New York to the Azores.—Reuter.

ITALIAN BALKAN GUARANTEE?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Budapest, To-day.

Although nothing sensational is expected to emerge from the Balkan Entente conference, which opens in Belgrade to-day, it is probable that the policy of the different Balkan countries will be outlined.

Authoritative quarters point out the similarity between the Hungarian and Bulgarian interests, and attach the greatest importance to the stand of Turkey and Rumania.

Summing up widespread feelings, the influential "Magyar Nemzet" writes that Rumania will decide during the conference whether she wishes to remain exposed to the fire of war or is ready to sign with her neighbours a reasonable agreement which might even be guaranteed by Rome.—Havas.

"Furthermore, there is nothing to prevent the Russians withdrawing the Siberian fishing rights from Japan after the current year. By doing this the Soviet would retain means of pressure on Tokyo."—Havas.

UPSET FOR TOKYO

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

NEW YORK, TO-DAY.

COMMENTING ON THE FAILURE OF THE SOVIET-MANCHUKUO BORDER NEGOTIATIONS THE "NEW YORK HERALD-TRIBUNE" SAYS:

"Implications of the breakdown in the negotiations are not clear, but an important fact is that predictions, largely emanating from Tokyo, of the possibility of closer Russo-Japanese relations and even of a comprehensive Russo-Japanese pact, have been disappointed for the present.

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MINISTER WITH EXECUTIVE POWER URGED ON GOVT.

London, To-day.

ONE OF THE MOST important debates of the present Parliamentary session opened yesterday afternoon when an Opposition motion raised the question of organisation and the fullest utilisation for war of the country's economic resources.

In view of this debate, the Prime Minister, in Wednesday's speech, excused himself from dealing fully with economic questions but his references to international trade have already evoked appreciative comment abroad, particularly in the United States.

On this subject Mr. Chamberlain said that the temporary disturbance of the trade of neutrals due to war measures, which might be serious to them, was fully recognised here.

He instanced trade with the United States, of which in the past Britain had been the largest customer for their agricultural produce.

Since the war began, he added, we had been compelled to curtail the import of things not essential to us in order to concentrate our dollar resources upon the purchase from the United States of those enormous masses of munitions and equipment which are necessary to carry on this struggle.

"But do not let anyone suppose we want to use the measures that we have taken for any other purpose than the prosecution of the war or that we are indifferent to the losses which neutrals may thereby sustain."

LABOUR MOTION

The Labour resolution stressing the necessity of planning to the best advantage the resources of the nation for the successful prosecution of the war, and advocating the appointment of a Minister in the War Cabinet specially charged with this function, was moved by Mr. Herbert Morrison.

Germany, he pointed out, had taken an extreme view of the mobilisation of economic resources for war and the Nazi Government had with vigour, intensity and even tyrannical unscrupulousness pursued that end up to and after the outbreak of war.

No one wished to see the economic organisation for war carried out in Britain in that spirit of oppression

but he would not admit that when it came to the question of efficiency of public administration, whether for peace or for war, British Democracy could not render a better account of itself than Nazi tyranny, though it would pursue its objective by different and less dubious methods.

EXECUTIVE URGENCY

Mr. Morrison's argument was that the present machinery for dealing with broad questions of economic strategy was one of discussion, consultation and mediation and not the machinery of executive government.

He contended also that the experience and tradition of the Treasury and the Chancellor of the Exchequer was not that required for questions of economic strategy in war.

What was wanted was a Minister or department invested with general power, not merely of reconciling the conflicting policies of half a dozen departments of the State Administering economic activities, but general power of direction.

CHANCELLOR'S CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Mr. Morrison was supported by the Liberal leader, Sir Archibald Sinclair, who argued the necessity for an enormous export trade.

He observed that the feeling that the best use was not being made of the national resources was undoubtedly increased by the failure so far to absorb greater numbers of unemployed.

In his view, to make the Chancellor of the Exchequer the co-ordinator of economic policy was allotting to him conflicting and inconsistent duties. —British Wireless.

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DATE AGAIN SET FOR INAUGURATION OF WANG "PUPPET"

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

SHANGHAI, TO-DAY.

IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT WANG CHING-WEI CONTEMPLATES THE SOLEMN INAUGURATION OF HIS NEW "GOVERNMENT" AT NANKING ON MARCH 15.

Material preparations for the ceremony have already been started.

Dr. Tau Min-yee, Wang's right-hand man, has been appointed chairman of the committee for organisation of the new "government." He is due in Nanking at the week-end.

A difficult task awaits him as many buildings were demolished during the hostilities or requisitioned by the Japanese.

It is reliably learned that the composition of the new "government" will be announced in Shanghai in mid-February. — Havas.

Wang Accused

Chungking, To-day.

Erstwhile followers of Wang Ching-wei accuse him of having broken the "peace" principles laid down at a secret meeting of the inner council prior to his flight from Chungking in December 1938.

These principles were as follows:

- (1) After his departure from Chungking, Wang would not set foot in Shanghai, Hong Kong or Japanese "occupied" territory, but go to Italy.
 - (2) The "peace" movement would be conducted on the principle that the National Government will assume full leadership either in continuing the war or in negotiating peace.
 - (3) Wang would refrain from organising any new party for one year.
- They claim that as a result of the

persuasion of Chow Fu-hai and Sadaki Kagesa, Wang left Hanoi for Shanghai and planned the organisation of the bogus Central Government. — Central News.

WANG DRIVE FOR SUPPORTERS

Shanghai, To-day.

An attempt to induce unemployed workers formerly employed on the Shanghai-Nanking and Shanghai-Hangchow Railways, to rally under his banner is being made by Wang Ching-wei.

Wang recently held a conference with executives of the different branches of his group to discuss methods of inducing others to support him. — Our Own Correspondent.

SIR JOHN REITH IN PARLIAMENT

London, To-day.

Sir John Reith, the new Minister of Information, was yesterday returned unopposed to Parliament as National member for Southampton in place of Sir Charles Barrie, Liberal National member who vacated the seat in favour of the Minister. — British Wireless.

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SHANGHAI SIDNEY ST. BATTLE

Shanghai, To-day.
Two British officers were wounded and two gangsters killed in a fierce gun-battle in the International Settlement last night.

Detective Sub-Inspector R. M. Moir was hit three times; his life was saved by his steel waistcoat which deflected two bullets, the third entering the left arm.

Sergt. C. E. A. Cooke was seriously wounded in the upper chest.

The battle began late in the evening when six gangsters robbed a shop. The alarm was raised and the shop surrounded.

The gangsters took refuge on the roof and fired on the police.

One hundred and fifty police, including the Reserve Unit, surrounded the block and maintained an all-night siege. Searchlights were played on the

EXECUTIONS IN GERMANY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.
Twenty-seven persons were executed in Germany in January, the Dutch newspapers report.

Six were accused of treason, eight of embezzlement at the expense of soldiers at the front, three of incendiarism and the others of armed robbery or murders.

Death sentences on 14 others were commuted.—Havas.

roofs and tear gas used.

Four suspects were arrested in addition to the two gangsters killed, but this morning a house-to-house search was still being conducted for the other two gunmen.—Reuter.

DANISH DEFENCES

Copenhagen, To-day.

The Government of Denmark has decided to ask Parliament for an extra £3,750,000 for defence purposes.—Reuter.

HEADMASTER GIVES AWAY PRIZES AT HIS OWN SCHOOL

THE UNIQUE SPECTACLE of a headmaster being invited to distribute the prizes at his own school was, as he pointed out in his speech, provided at Queen's College, this morning when Mr. F. J. de Rome distributed the prizes and scholarships to successful pupils.

After the acting headmaster, Mr. G. O'Connor, had given a brief report, Mr. de Rome said:—

I am very busy indeed these days and I have had little time, in the words of Sir Reginald Stubbs at the Queen's College Prize-giving during the Strike of either 1922 or 1925, "to prepare my impromptu speech."

Mr. O'Connor, however, has given me a good lead by submitting a concise, war-rationed report, so I hope you will grant me the same privilege in my remarks.

I should like, first of all, to thank Mr. O'Connor for the honour he has done me in inviting me to present the prizes to-day—Queen's is usually honoured in this respect by Governors or other distinguished citizens, and, although I knew I should have to go through the ordeal of addressing you, I gladly accepted the invitation.

This must surely be a very unique occasion in the long life of Queen's College, namely, for the Headmaster to be invited to present the prizes of his own school during his tenure of office, for, I suppose, in a way, I am still Headmaster, although engaged on other work at the moment. "On leave" or "not on leave," that was the question not long ago: now it seems to be "Headmaster" or "not Headmaster." It is all very complicated and I must leave it to other people to thrash out.

It reminds me of the last time I addressed you from this dais—that was in July last, the day on which we broke up for the midsummer holidays. You presented me with a beautiful silver salver on the occasion of my retirement, and then, on your behalf I made presentations to Mr. Chak Ping Ki and Mr. Li Tat Hang, who were also retiring. I remember saying then that I felt like Alice in the book "Through the Looking Glass." Now I feel like the same Alice in a still more famous book, "Alice in Wonderland," where lots of funny and amusing things happen: it is surely a funny position for me to be in now, to be invited to present the prizes and to congratulate the school on a year for which I, myself, was responsible.

I do not propose therefore to make any comments on the report which you have just heard. During the last 15 years it has been my painful duty at times to make many comments on matters educational in Hong Kong, and it is a pleasure not to have to do so now.

There is one thing however that I should like to touch on, something that is very near to my heart, and that is the question of the new Queen's College. You will remember how very pleased we all were at the prize giving last year at what H.E. the Governor said on the subject. Since then the war in Europe has come along and with it, a revised outlook on many things.

This week, however, I have been making enquiries about the prospects of the new school, and I am very glad to be able to inform you that it is being actively pursued. The important question is that of site, and I am afraid this is difficult and will require much thought and foresight. But in a modern building, surrounded, if possible, by playing fields, with her traditions and prestige extending over 70 years, with her wonderful array of valuable scholarships, and with the powerful backing of her influential Old Boys' Association, there is no doubt to my mind that Queen's would rise to even greater heights than she ever did in the past. And that means much both for Hong Kong and for China.

There is another matter which Mr. O'Connor has not mentioned in his report but which I should like to refer to, namely, the enormous difficulties he has had to cope with as regards staff since September. What with the demands of censorship and camps, the ravages of sickness, Queen's has been harder hit I think than any other school in the Colony. I have been amazed at times that you could carry on at all. Unfortunately in crises like the present it is often the schools that suffer, for schoolmasters and schoolmistresses are usually called upon to do very responsible work, and I might say they do it cheerfully and efficiently. I congratulate Mr. O'Connor and his staff, both old and new, on having kept the school going so well during the last few months.

Now a few words to you boys. Your country is at war, and so is mine—but these wars will come to an end, sooner or later. I hope none of you will ever have to fight as soldiers—but, if you have any intelligence or any decency in your make up, you will have to fight other battles when you leave school. You will have to fight, not the forces of dictators, but forces even more subtle and selfish—the forces of greed, of bribery and corruption, of exploitation in all its forms; and, whether you find yourselves eventually in Hong Kong or in China, I hope you will fight, and fight hard, to remedy the extreme poverty, disease and bad

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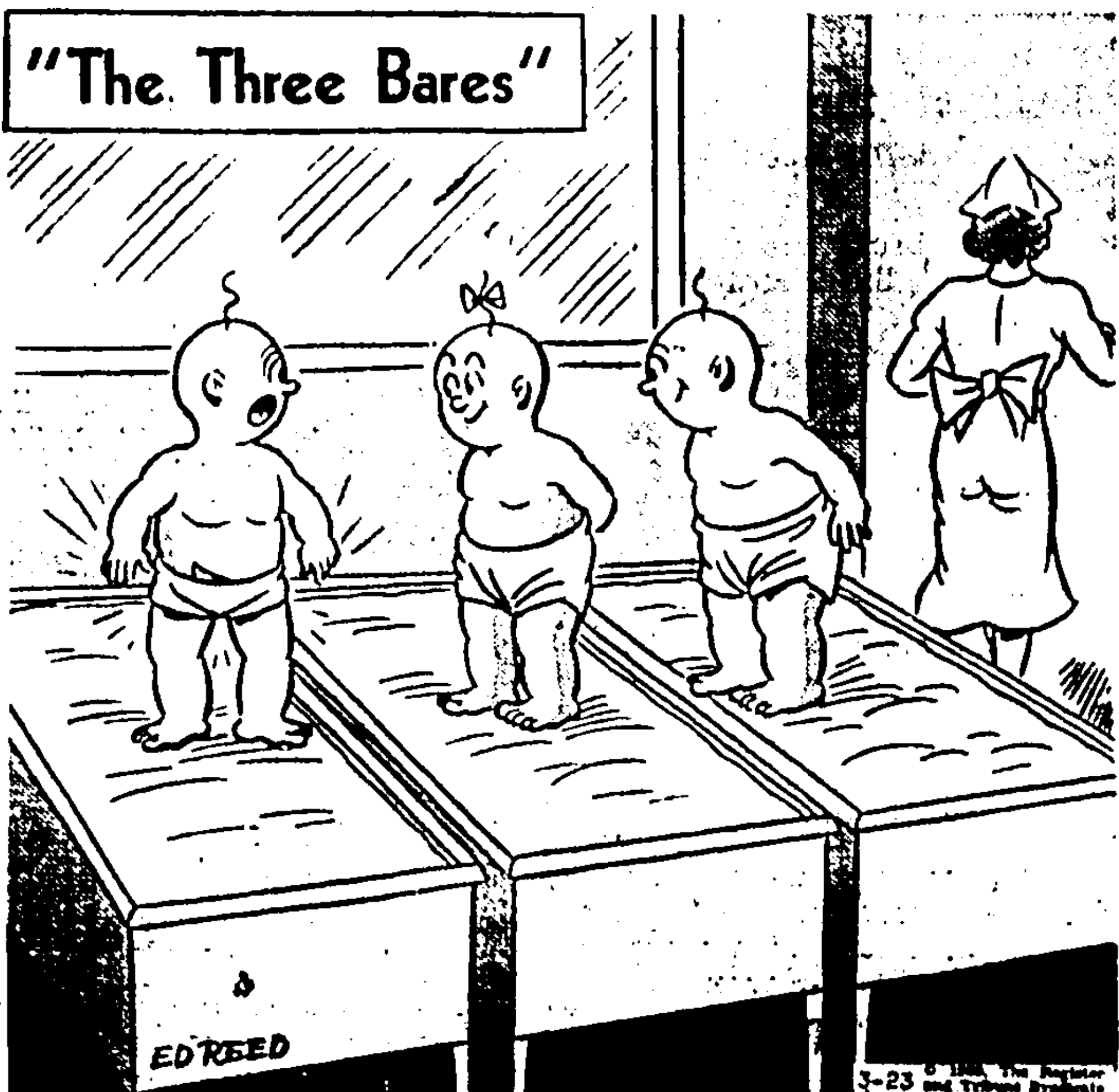


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According to information gathered from members of the crew the bombs were dropped in groups of five from a height of 1,000 feet.

BALKAN MILITARY ALLIANCE?

Rome, To-day.
A plan for joint action in the event of aggression by a non-Balkan power, it is understood, will be discussed at the Balkan Entente conference in Belgrade. It is thought highly improbable, however, that any discussion of this subject will be made public.—Reuter.

BIG FRENCH NAVAL PROGRAMME

PARIS, TO-DAY.
THE EXTENSIVE FRENCH NAVAL BUILDING PROGRAMME IS ANALYSED BY THE "JOURNAL DES DEBATS," WHICH ENUMERATES VESSELS UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

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Gunboats and other auxiliaries.—Reuter.

SUPPORT FOR CHIANG

LONDON, TO-DAY.
THE CHINA CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE YESTERDAY ISSUED A LONG STATEMENT "DENOUNCING UNCONDITIONALLY THE SO-CALLED PEACE TERMS RECENTLY DISCUSSED WITH THE JAPANESE AUTHORITIES BY WANG CHING-WEI."

The Committee fully supports the announcement by General Chiang Kai-shek on January 23 and pledges itself to endeavour to prevent in any form whatever recognition, by the British Government of any puppet government under Wang Ching-wei, and to obtain the support of both the British people and Government for the Government of General Chiang Kai-shek.—Reuter.

NAZI 'ENTHUSIASM'

Rome, To-day.
A total of 14,500 people of German origin in the South Tyrol have left Italy to return to the Reich in accordance with the Italo-German agreement last summer.

The Germans stated that 185,000 people "want to go back."—Reuter.

Aviation circles here point out that a machine capable of dropping 20 bombs is something new in the German campaign against shipping. The bomber involved is believed to have been a four-engined military version of a commercial craft.

CITY OF BATH

Meanwhile details of a German bomber's attack on the 5,000-ton liner City of Bath off the Scottish coast on Tuesday were revealed yesterday.

The bomber was held off by the ship's defence gun in the stern, but during the attack, which lasted a quarter of an hour, the machine dropped six bombs and raked the port side and the bridge with machinegun bullets.

One heavy bomb fell within 15 feet of the ship's side and the vessel was shaken but there were no casualties.—Reuter.

Thirteen Freeze To Death After U-Boat Outrage

London, To-day.
Adrift for several days in a lifeboat after their ship was torpedoed and sunk without warning by a U-boat in the Atlantic, 13 members of the crew of the Greek steamer Eleni Statothos were frozen to death and had to be thrown overboard.

The remaining 20 of the crew landed in Elra in such a weak condition that even when they sighted the coast they had lost interest in life and lacked strength to pull the oars.

They were saved by the crew of a motorboat who saw the lifeboat drifting in the bay and towed it in.—Reuter.

"ASAMA" INCIDENT JAPAN REPLIES

Tokyo, To-day.
The text of the Japanese reply to the British Note of January 27 in connexion with the Asama Maru incident was handed to the British Ambassador, Sir Robert Craigie, yesterday by the Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs. It was agreed that the two Notes be published simultaneously as soon as the British Government has had time to consider the Japanese Note.—Reuter.

INTERNMENT OF ALIENS IN BRITAIN

London, To-day.
The Minister of Home Security, Sir John Anderson, informed the House of Commons yesterday that 415 aliens were interned on the outbreak of war, and 554 had been interned after examination by tribunals.

In reply to a question, Sir John said the number of enemy aliens at large was somewhere in the neighbourhood of 60,000.—Reuter.

"AMATEUR" PILOTS IN FRANCE

(Reuter's Special Correspondent With The B.E.F.)

London, To-day.

A number of Britain's "week-end" pilots have now taken their places in France alongside the regular Air Force.

In private life they are City men, clerks, engineers, shipyard workers and miners who joined the Auxiliary Air Force.

From the letter "A" which adorns their tunics, showing their volunteer origin, they have nicknamed themselves "amateurs."

Hitherto they have been playing a big part in home air defence. Now they are attached to squadrons working with the B.E.F. and are eagerly awaiting an opportunity of showing their mettle.

For the moment they are having to possess their souls in patience, for the mist which has set in with the thaw is keeping their machines grounded.—Reuter.

JAPANESE PREDICT BIG BATTLE

Canton, To-day.

The Japanese expect the severest battle since the Shanghai war to take place in South China in the near future around Kuitang, where the Chinese are putting up a very stout resistance, declared the Japanese military spokesman here last night.

The spokesman broke the long official silence over the operations in Kwangsi.

He announced that on Jan. 28 an "annihilating campaign" was commenced. Purpose of the campaign is not the occupation of more towns but the crushing of the Chinese troops around Kuitang, where more than 20 divisions are moving southward from Pingyang.

These troops are reported to be concentrating for an attempt to recapture Kuitang.

With the aid of maps the spokesman demonstrated the Japanese tactics of encircling and crushing the Chinese forces which, he said, had set out to encircle the Japanese.—Reuter.

B.B.C. PROGRAMMES FOR THE TROOPS (SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

Mr. F. W. Ogilvie, Director-General of the B.B.C., has arrived in Paris on his way to the front, where he will talk with British officers and men in the front lines on the programmes they would like best.

On his return trip Mr. Ogilvie will confer with M. Jean Giraudoux, the French official who is in charge of establishing closer Franco-British radio co-operation.—Havas.

QUAKE SHOCKS IN EUROPE

London, To-day.
Earth tremors were felt yesterday in several parts of southern Europe.

Tremors were felt in southern Salonica, Greece, in the morning and also at Siena and Florence, in the province of Tuscany, Italy. Tremors were also felt at Bucharest, the Rumanian capital. Little damage is reported from any of these places.—Reuter.

MYSTERY SHANGHAI MURDER

SHANGHAI, TO-DAY.

AN ASSASSINATION WHICH, FOR THE TIME BEING, HAS COMPLETELY BAFFLED THE POLICE, OCCURRED IN THE FRENCH CONCESSION SHORTLY AFTER NINE O'CLOCK LAST NIGHT.

The victim was a young unknown Chinese woman who was surrounded and shot by a gang of armed men, dropping dead with four bullets in her body.

No arrests have been made and the motive is not known.

The police are endeavouring to identify the woman.—Our Own Correspondent.

NOTE IN POCKET

Shanghai, Later.

The only clue the police have discovered is a note supporting the "peace movement."

Whether the assassins placed the note in the woman's pocket has not been established.

The police believe now that the motive was a political one.—Our Own Correspondent.

U.S. AMBASSADORS CALLED HOME From Paris And London For Consultations

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.
THE SECRETARY OF STATE, MR. CORDELL HULL, ANNOUNCES THAT THE AMBASSADOR IN PARIS, MR. WILLIAM BULLITT, HAS BEEN SECONDED HOME FOR CONSULTATION.

Mr. Bullitt is leaving to-morrow (Saturday). His visit will be short and he has no special mission.

Mr. Cordell Hull added that Mr. Joseph Kennedy, Ambassador in London, is returning to England this month.—Reuter.

NEW FORTIFICATIONS FOR SWEDEN

Stockholm, To-day.
The Swedish Government has granted nearly £1,500,000 for the construction of fortifications.—Reuter.

"A QUIET DAY"

Paris, To-day.

Last night's French war communique said it was a quiet day on the whole.

There was firing from casemates on either side of the line.—Reuter.

WAR MACHINERY

Premier Discloses Personnel Of Committee TO ADVISE CABINET ON MEASURES FOR SUPREME DIRECTION OF WAR

London, To-day.

THE MACHINERY established for the supreme direction of the war was outlined by the Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, in a written reply to a question in the House of Commons yesterday.

Mr. Chamberlain stated that a ministerial committee on military co-ordination was established by the War Cabinet in October, 1939.

It consisted of Lord Chatfield (Chairman), Mr. Winston Churchill (First Lord of the Admiralty), Mr. Oliver Stanley (War Secretary) and Sir Kingsley Wood (Air Minister), with the three Chiefs of Staff as advisers.

The committee's terms of reference were "to keep under constant review on behalf of the War Cabinet the main factors in the strategic situation and the progress of operations, and to make recommendations to the War Cabinet in regard to the general conduct of the war."

The three Chiefs of Staff composed a committee with terms of reference "to advise the War Cabinet on any matter affecting or affected by the military aspect of the conduct of the war and to investigate and consider in common all matters referred to the committee by the War Cabinet."

INTELLIGENCE STAFFS

The Chiefs of Staff committee was served by joint planning and joint Intelligence Staffs which were in continuous session.

Mr. Chamberlain also referred to the committees dealing with home policy, civil defence, economic policy and priority questions.—Reuter.

DOUBLING OF CANADIAN NAVY

OTTAWA, TO-DAY.
CANADA'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE FIGHTING FORCES OF THE ALLIES IS NOT RESTRICTED TO THE DESPATCH OF ARMY CONTINGENTS AND THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE EMPIRE AIR TRAINING SCHEME.

The Royal Canadian Navy is also being greatly expanded and its personnel has been more than doubled since the war began.

Men from the shores of the inland lakes are hastening to join and recruits from the prairie provinces are now training alongside natives of the Atlantic seaboard and British Columbia.

In due course, from the depths of the interior, men who have never before looked on salt water will have been trained to serve in the 70 vessels which are to be constructed in Canadian shipyards.—Reuter.

CHILDREN TRICKLING HOME AGAIN

London, To-day.

The Minister of Health, Mr. Walter Elliot, has informed the House of Commons that 36 per cent. of the number of children evacuated from London at the beginning of the war have returned.—Reuter.

BRIBERY ALLEGED

Two Special Indian Guards, of Pokfulam Police Station, were before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, charged with receiving a bribe in Telegraph Bay on January 30.

The accused, Sharah Khan, 28, and Bonslan Khan, 21, were both represented by Mr. M. A. da Silva.

It was alleged that defendants obtained a bribe of \$2 from Yim Po for releasing another man Lai Fuk, who was arrested for removing sand from Telegraph Bay without a permit.

Hearing was fixed for February 18, and defendants were released on bail of \$200 each.

Det.-Inspector O'Donovan is in charge of the case.

KING DOWN WITH A COLD

London, To-day.

It is officially announced from Buckingham Palace that the King is suffering from a slight cold.

He remained in his room yesterday.—Reuter.

London, To-day.

Last night the King was going on well and it is expected he will be able to carry out his normal duties in a day or two.—Reuter.

CAUGHT NAPPING — IN A CAR

Chan Wing, 22, and Cheung Hung, 25, were ordered to be expelled from the Colony as destitutes when convicted of theft by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning.

Defendants were asleep in an old motor car in Village Road yesterday, with two motor pumps in their possession. They admitted theft from garages at No. 6, and No. 12, Village Road.

The pumps belonged to Mr. Isaac Hardoon of No. 18, Village Road.

PROGRESS OF THE WAR

London, To-day.

The Prime Minister will make a statement on the war in the Commons next Thursday.—British Wireless.

MINISTERS ASSEMBLE FOR PARLEY

Ankara, To-day.

The Foreign Ministers of Turkey and Rumania set out yesterday for Bucharest, where they will meet the Foreign Ministers of Yugoslavia and Greece for the Balkan Entente conference.

This meeting at the present time is considered to be of unusual importance, and the Turkish delegate has established contact with the Prime Minister of Bulgaria; Bulgaria does not belong to the Entente and has territorial claims on both Rumania and Greece. The Turkish delegate saw the Bulgarian Prime Minister when he passed through Sofia yesterday.

Before leaving, M. Sarajoglu, the Turkish delegate, made a statement declaring that Turkey was not neutral, although she was outside the present war. Her chosen policy was one of peace and she would continue in this policy unless she was attacked or unless she had to carry out her engagements.

This is taken to be a reference to the Turkish treaty of mutual alliance with Britain and France.—Reuter.

PATH OF PEACE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Istanbul, To-day.

"Turkey is not neutral but only outside the present war," the Turkish Foreign Minister, M. Sukru Sarajoglu, told the press before his departure for Belgrade to attend the Balkan Entente Conference.

He added: "Our policy includes no secret engagements and we are determined to remain on the path of peace."—Havas.

FRENCH PATROLS ACTIVE ON THE FRONT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

It is semi-officially stated that French patrols penetrated deeply into German territory, taking advantage of the thick fog enveloping the whole front.

They brought back interesting information regarding the activity of German outposts. In the Vosges Mountains, one patrol returned with several prisoners.—Havas.

ALLEGED THREATS TO TEMPLE KEEPER

A Eurasian, Fred Mok Johnson, 58, described as an unemployed clerk, was charged at Kowloon this morning with demanding \$70 with menaces from Chan Man-kwing, 41, temple keeper, of Kowloon City.

It was stated in court that defendant, who pleaded guilty, had a previous conviction. He was remanded for 24 hours.

H.K. DAIRY SUPPLY CO. MEETING

Notice has been given that a meeting of the Creditors of the Hong Kong Dairy Supply Company Limited will be held at the offices of Messrs. Percy Smith, Beth and Fleming on Saturday, February 10 at 11 a.m.

POLICING IN SHANGHAI

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, To-day.

It is understood that the agreement between the Shanghai Municipal Council and the Special Municipality of Greater Shanghai for the policing of "extra-Settlement roads" will be signed shortly, perhaps to-day.

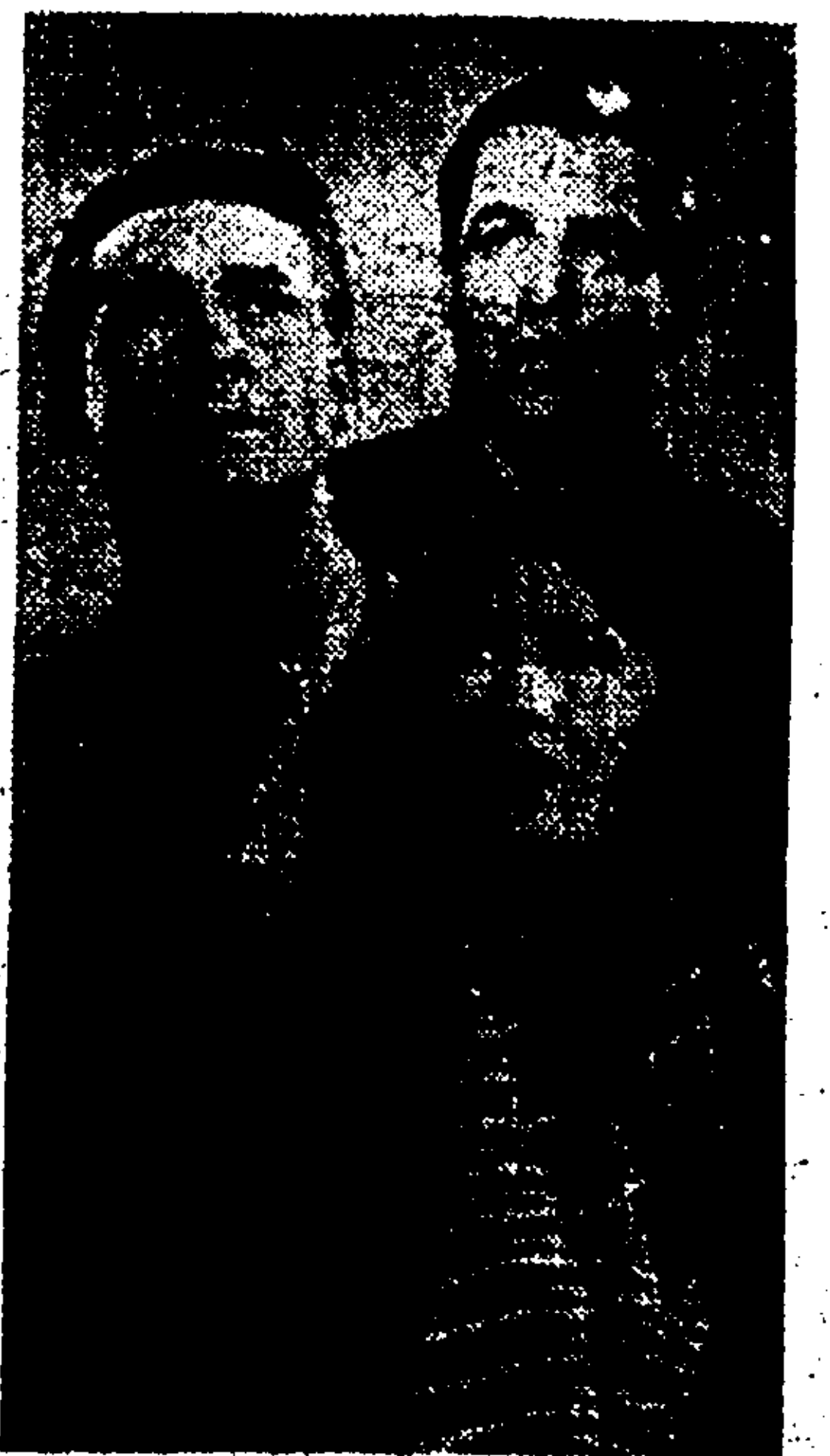
The joint police force will be called the "extra-Settlement Police" having under its jurisdiction the entire outside roads area.

A commissioner, selected by the Shanghai Special Municipality, will head it with a deputy commissioner appointed by the Shanghai Municipal Police.—Havas.

AIR SERVICE STOPPED

AMSTERDAM, TO-DAY.
THE DUTCH AIR LINES HAVE SUSPENDED THEIR AIR SERVICE BETWEEN AMSTERDAM AND CROYDON.

No explanation has yet been offered, but weather conditions are bad. It is thought possible however that owing to the great increase of German aerial activity, it is dangerous for neutral aircraft to venture the crossing from Holland.—Reuter.



Featured in the cast of "Tall Spin," 20th Century-Fox production at the King's Theatre, are Joan Davis, Charles Farrell and Kane Richmond.



The Club Interport XV which is to play Shanghai at Chinese New Year in the northern port gained a narrow victory over the Rest of the Colony at Sookunpoo last Saturday, winning by 6 points to 5.

TWO GRAND GALA PERFORMANCES

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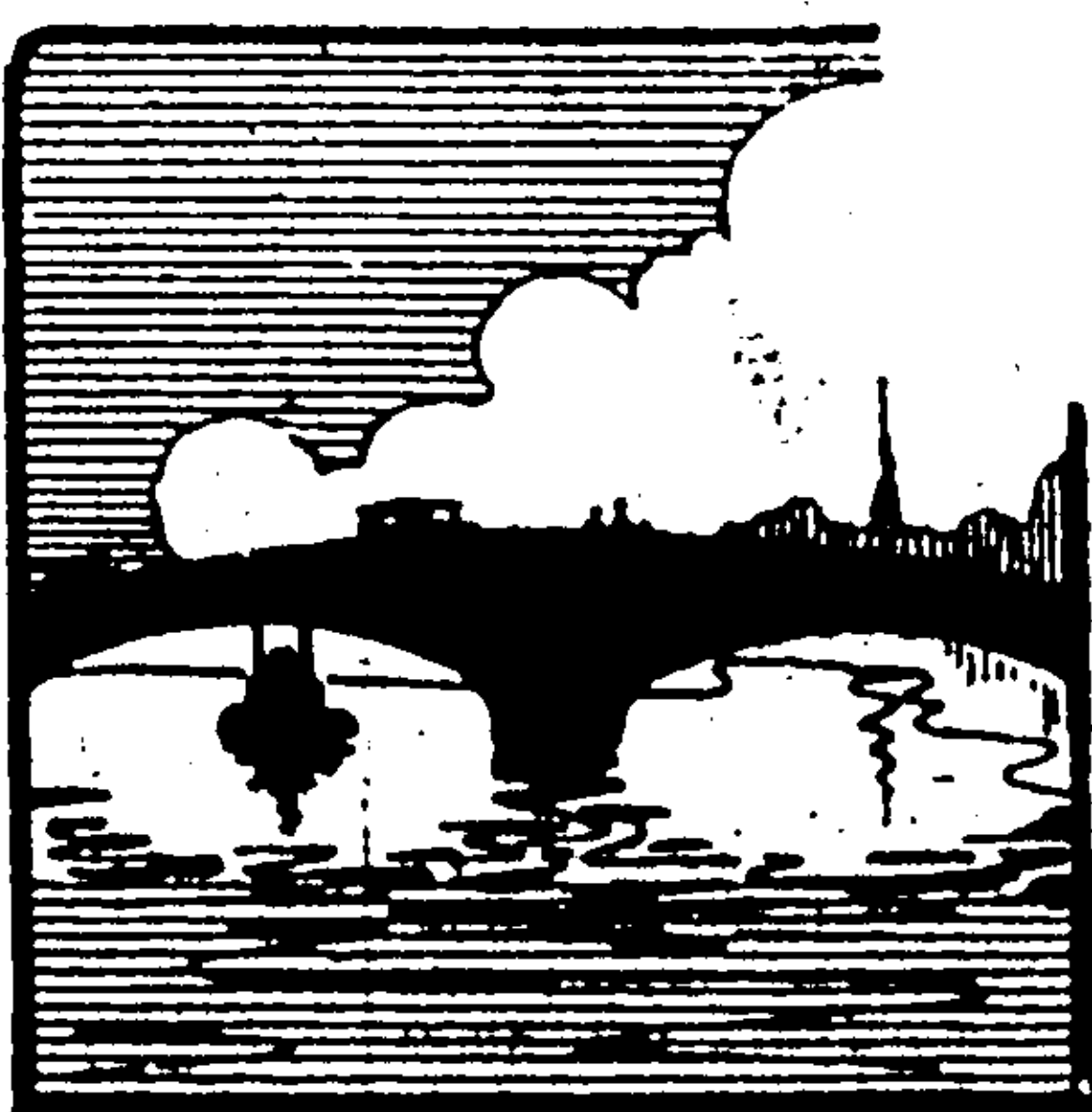
Mrs. Lo-Litton in action against Mrs. Chiu in the Ladies Singles Final. Mrs. Lo-Litton won 6-0, 6-1.



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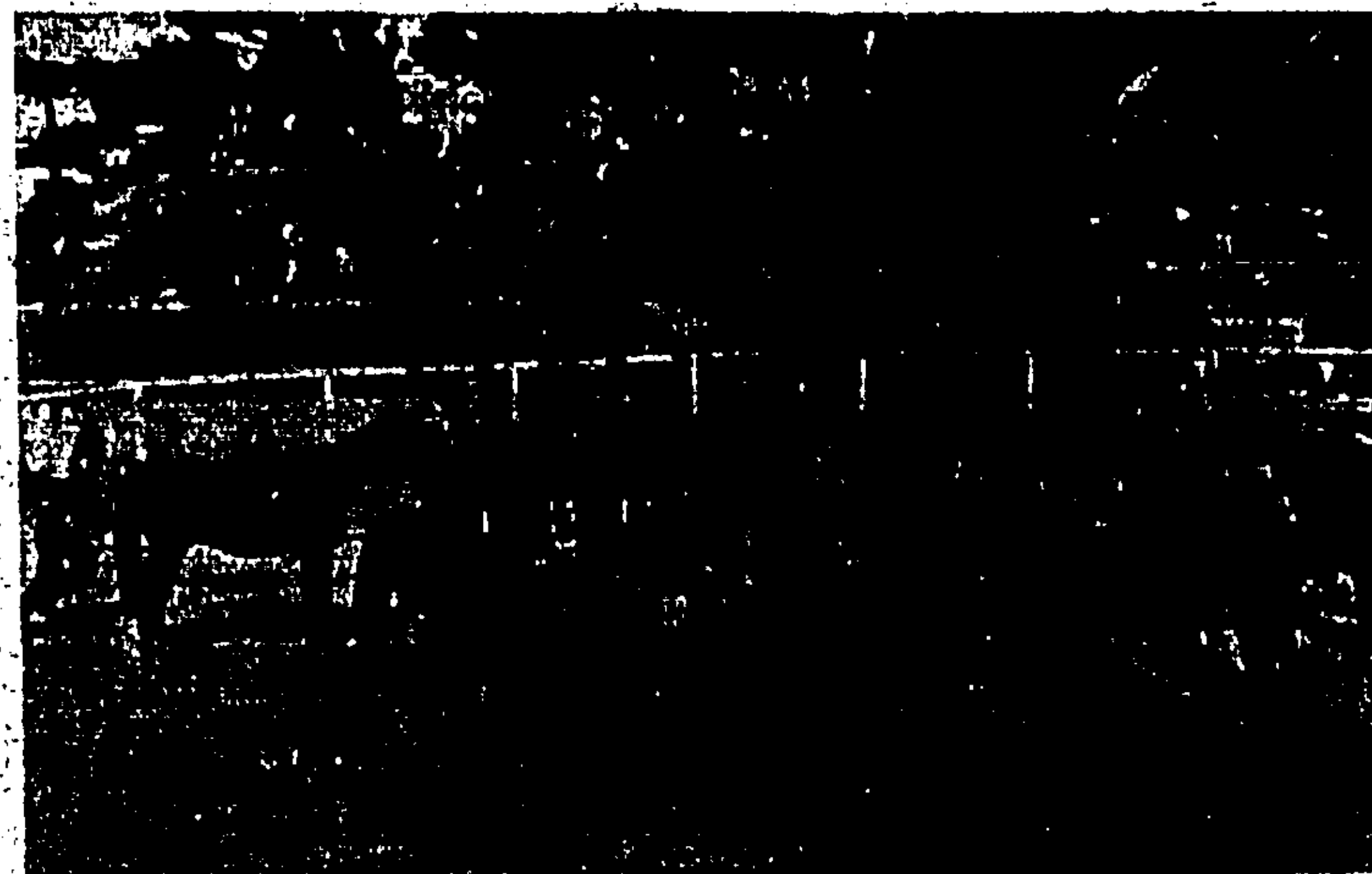
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Mr. Chamberlain Gets The Overseas Headlines

"IMPOSING ACCOUNT OF THE BRITISH WAR EFFORT"

LONDON, TO-DAY.
MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S SPEECH ON WEDNESDAY GETS HEADLINES IN THE PARIS AND OTHER NEWSPAPERS.

Many of the French papers contrast his speech with Hitler's on the previous day, and "Le Jour" says that "to personal attacks Mr. Chamberlain opposed scorn, pure and simple."

BIGGER REICHSTAG

Berlin, To-day.
 Hitler has decided to have some more members of the Reichstag.
 He will appoint them himself, of course, and is contenting himself with one representative for every 60,000 Germans living in Poland.—Reuter.

MILLION POUNDS A WEEK

London, To-day.
 The most important recent development in Britain's internal affairs was the announcement in the House of Commons on Wednesday by Sir John Simon that the Government was spending £52,000,000 a year to keep down retail prices.

The British Press unanimously welcomes this, comment ranging all the way from that of the Labour "Daily Herald" to the effect that the idea of holding down food prices is fundamentally right to the view of the Conservative "Daily Telegraph" that it is a far-sighted policy.

Sir John Simon explained that the cost of living rose by 10 per cent. from the beginning of the war to the end of November, but that since the beginning of December the Government had kept prices down and food indexes were steady all the month.

The Government policy was to avoid inflation through wages following the cost of living in an upward spiral.—Reuter.

LEAVE FOR B.E.F.

London, To-day.
 The War Office announces that limited leave for the B.E.F. in France will be resumed forthwith, provided weather conditions do not deteriorate.
 At first only those living in the southern half of Britain will be granted leave, but general leave will be re-opened as soon as conditions become normal on the northern railway lines.—Reuter.

DEATH OF MRS. TELFER-SMOLLETT

London, To-day.
 Second-Lt. Alastair Telfer-Smollett, the Black Watch, was given special leave from the B.E.F. in France to see his mother, who died at 9 o'clock yesterday morning after a short illness.
 Mrs. Smollett was the wife of Major-General A.P.D. Telfer-Smollett, who commanded the British troops in Shanghai from 1936 to June last year.—Reuter.

Other newspapers stress his remarks about the neutrals getting different treatment from the Allies and from Germany.

In the United States, both the "New York Times" and the "New York Herald-Tribune" approve of the speech. The former paper says that his "account of the British war effort is imposing in its facts and figures and a complete answer to the boasts of the dictatorships."

NEUTRALS APPROVE

Among the small neutral countries, the newspapers contrast Mr. Chamberlain's speech with that of Hitler, and are pleased at Mr. Chamberlain's clear declaration that the Allies recognise the neutrals' right to choose their own course of action.

In Britain, "The Times," in a leading article on Mr. Chamberlain's references to the so-called "Asama Maru Incident," says that the Prime Minister was right not to rest his argument on the letter of the law since we want to come to terms with a friendly nation on wider grounds than that.—Reuter.

London, To-day.
 In connection with the Premier's statement regarding the disturbance of neutral trade by war measures in his speech on Wednesday, and his reiteration of the desire of the Allies to show the greatest possible consideration for neutral interests, it can be stated that negotiations in which the British Government is engaged for wartime trade agreements with neutral countries are being conducted in the friendliest spirit and with goodwill on both sides.

PACT WITH GREECE

The agreement recently concluded with Greece has received a cordial welcome in the Greek press, which recalls the similar welcome accorded in the Swedish press a month ago to the agreement then signed with the Swedish Government.

Negotiations with the Danish and Dutch delegations which are still in London are, it is learned, proceeding very satisfactorily.

The spirit in which these agreements were reached contrasts markedly with the atmosphere of tension and anxiety created by the Nazi Government in its economic discussions with neutrals, which was also the subject of comment by Mr. Chamberlain.

COLONIAL PRODUCTS

One notable respect in which the Allies desire to cause as little interference as possible with bona fide neutral trade is manifested in connection with trade between neutral countries and their possessions overseas. No restriction is placed on the freest possible movement of colonial products to metropolitan markets provided the Contraband Control is satisfied no shipments are intended for Germany.

The chartering of vessels by Britain has also been advantageous to neutral shipping.

SHIPPING CHARTERS

The prices paid for time chartering—17 to 12 shillings per ton per month—are extremely attractive. Vessels chartered for the duration of the war will revert to neutral ownership at the end of the war.

Few neutral vessels have been acquired by purchase. Such as have been—principally from the United States—have been paid for in cash.—British Wireless.

Three smallpox cases, five of meningitis, five of dysentery and 17 of tuberculosis were notified to the Medical Department yesterday.

VATICAN'S CHARGES

Berlin, To-day.

The Vatican's denunciation of anti-Catholic persecutions by the Nazis was discussed in Berlin yesterday by a neutral correspondent.

It goes without saying, he points out, that the Vatican would be most careful not to make any statements of this kind which could not be fully substantiated in principle.

It is known in Berlin that many Catholic priests were arrested "for political activity," and even German Roman Catholics do not accept the excuses of the Nazis for the persecutions.—Reuter.



Alice Faye, Constance Bennett and Nancy Kelly talk it over before the big race in "Tail Spin," the 20th Century-Fox production in which they are starred. The picture is now showing at the King's Theatre and tells the story of three women who fly the thrills that come with their split-second escapes and the heart-throbs behind their spectacular lives.

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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

GUAM AGAIN

The fortification of Guam is reported as likely to be revived at the third session of the 76th American Congress. The question at present stage, does not merit our serious consideration; besides, the matter is solely America's business, not ours.

However, we shall be very much interested in observing how this tiny sandpile will assume importance as America's defence outpost in the Western Pacific, once the question is taken up by those who favour mounting it with guns trained toward Japan.

We are coming to understand why the European and American Powers make so much fuss over the so-called Open Door nonsense in China. In this wide world, it is the only place where the door is left open. Some day China may have for herself the fun of slamming her door to the face of these Powers. Maybe she is learning how, now.—"Japan Times."

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JAPAN'S ECONOMY

We cannot think in any way that the living of the Japanese nation, as compared with that of the German and British nations, is more uncomfortable and miserable. Though they talk of shortage of materials and goods, we find an amazingly luxurious life is being lived in many quarters.

Toward the Government we have hitherto continued to show our greatest possible goodwill. But the political situation developing as at present is regrettably seen to be much in disfavour of the Government. If a political change is therefore quite unavoidable, we hope the succeeding Administration which will come in office will exercise due care on these points which we have already stressed.

The only remaining question therefore is who will be the Goering of Japan to guarantee the living security of the Japanese nation. This Goering of Japan will be rightly the next Premier to head a new government.—"Asahi Shimbun."

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NAVAL RATIO!

According to this statement of the American Chief of Naval Operations, we find that the United States navy is still as ever sticking fast to the 5-3 ratio with Japan. It is already a long time since the Washington naval pact was declared abrogated, and yet the United States navy is still trying to make this unreasonable ratio a permanent basis to govern the relative naval strength between that country and Japan. By cherishing such designs the United States navy is evidently attempting to carry out its transoceanic operations against Japan. That the carrying out of such a scheme is quite incompatible with America's espoused policy of peace is not to be doubted in the least.

Japan's naval policy, as has been more than sufficiently clarified, has been consistently one of non-menace and non-aggression. Against such an attitude indicated by Japan, will the United States navy try now to push such a highly offensive and challenging plan? If the United States will not duly reconsider such a possible provocative plan, Japan will not hesitate to meet it with grim determination.—"Tokyo Nichi-Nichi"

NEW ORDER?

Do they realize the true import and significance of the projected construction of a new order in East Asia? They loudly call for construction of a new order, but they seemingly little realize that Japan's way of existence in the future is to be found only in this construction of a new order. And for this construction of a new order it is of course necessary that there should be established a new central regime in China to help accelerating the materialization of this aim. But far more necessary and important is it for that purpose to re-establish securely Japan's own national structure or preparedness to carry out this gigantic task.

But thus far Japan in the last three years or so since the out-break of the Marco Polo Bridge Incident, which has developed into the present large-scale hostilities, has failed miserably to establish a thoroughly efficient domestic preparedness, at least politically. True, the National General Mobilization Law has been promulgated and put into force already to cope with the requirements occasioned by the present China hostilities, but no efficient utilization of the law has been made.—"Kokumin Shimbun."

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U.S. POLICIES

Efforts are being apparently made by the United States to build an air base in the Aleutian Islands and to convert Hawaii into the Gibraltar of the Pacific. Public opinion in the United States is found to be highly responsive to the strategic plans formulated by American official quarters.

U.S. PROBLEM

Would anything which would stop the war and open the way for easing economic pressures be desirable? Would negotiation of this sort be the logical triumph of President Roosevelt's career if he, unlike Wilson, should combine with his idealism a grasp of balance of power diplomacy and of American interests and public opinion? Or, on the other hand, would such negotiations be a betrayal of the idealistic "better peace this time" which the peoples are being led to expect? Would such a settlement last?

These are not questions for the future but for to-day, as the United States tries to decide what role it will play in the rapidly changing drama of eastern Europe and the Far East.—"Saville R. Davis."

Almost simultaneously with the disclosure of all such attempts on the part of the United States, the British Ambassador to China, Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, is reported to have paid a hurried visit to Chungking in an attempt to exert pressure on the Chiang Kai-shek regime and hence ultimately on Japan, manipulating in a tricky manner that problem of the prospective establishment shortly of the Wang Ching-wei regime. Every sensible observer will easily see through all such moves staged jointly by Britain and the United States. We would however ask them whether such sinister moves on their part might mean their answer to Japan's clarification of her attitude to re-open the Yangtze to international shipping. At least so far as the United States is concerned, we fear that nation will turn its cold shoulder to Japan more and more when Japan tries to show greater ardour for conclusion of a new commercial treaty or at least a modus vivendi to adjust trade relations between the two nations.—"Yomiuri Shimbun"

Premier Rejects Call For Economic Dictator BUT APPOINTS EXPORT COUNCIL

London, To-day.

AFTER ANNOUNCING in the House of Commons yesterday that the President of the Board of Trade was establishing an Export Council to organise the export trade in detail, the Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, said the Council would have at its disposal the Department of Overseas Trade and the Industrial Supply Department of the Board of Trade.

They had to try and meet demands made upon them from many quarters, particularly from quarters which formerly traded with Germany.

It was remarkable that the figures for December showed an increase over the corresponding figures in December the previous year, but perhaps this concealed the fact that the figures last year included the export trade to Germany, which of course did not exist in the figures this year.

Referring to the objection that the President of the Board of Trade was not a member of the War Cabinet, Mr. Chamberlain said that what was not appreciated was that when questions affecting departments were discussed at the War Cabinet it was the practice to invite the Ministers at the head of those departments to attend the meetings while those items on the agenda were being discussed.

SUGGESTION SCORNE

The War Cabinet had full opportunity of hearing whatever might be said on any side.

Mr. Chamberlain did not believe that in the War Cabinet or the other Cabinet, when matters of high policy were discussed, members of the Cabinet were so small-minded that they could not rise above departmental considerations and take a more statesmanlike view.—Reuter.

Business Men On The Council

Havas says that Mr. Chamberlain made the announcement in reply to the Opposition debate calling for the appointment of a Minister in the War Cabinet to direct the nation's economy.

Lord Stamp and other business men will be members of the Committee, together with a Trade Unions official and the Minister of Economic Warfare.

The Opposition motion was rejected and the Conservative amendment, approving the Premier's proposal, was adopted.

British Wireless says the Council will consist of leading business men, some of whom will give their full time services voluntarily to the executive work of organising Britain's export trade.

The council will also include leading Trade Unionists.

In addition, Lord Stamp, Adviser to the Chancellor of the Exchequer on Economic Co-ordination, will be a member of the Council on which there will be representatives of the Treasury, the Ministry of Economic Warfare and the Ministry of Supply.

EXHAUSTIVE REVIEW

The announcement was made by the Premier at the end of an exhaustive review of the machinery which has been created for securing co-ordination between the different Government agencies dealing with economic activities and for obtaining considered and balanced decisions on the main questions of wartime economic policy.

His answer to the arguments of the Opposition speakers who preceded him was that the creation of a new Minister and a new Department could do nothing which would ensure

a more intense effort than was already being made through the existing machinery.

CHANCELLOR SUPREME

Subject to the overruling consideration of the War Cabinet's responsibility, the Minister who must retain primacy in these questions was the Chancellor of the Exchequer, who had to bear constantly in mind two things — the danger of inflation and the danger of the exhaustion of the country's reserves of foreign exchange.

It was not possible to imagine any other Minister than the Chancellor who could have the right or indeed the knowledge to make his contribution to the discussion and to point out to other Ministers what the danger might be in either of those two directions.

The Premier pointed out the essential part played in the co-ordination of Departmental activities by the Economic Policy Committee over which the Chancellor presided and with which Lord Stamp worked and by the Central Priority Committee on which all the Departments concerned were represented.

HOW COMMITTEE WORKS

He instanced how this Committee proceeded in cases where the supplies required by the Service Departments or for other needs, including those of the export trade, were in shortage. It might be for the Board of Trade to put forward the demands necessary to maintain or increase the export trade.

Every department of the Government was now represented on the Committee, including the Treasury, which had to see how the exchange position was affected, and the Foreign Office, to see that treaties with neutral countries were not infringed. It then had to be decided who was to go short and if there was a real shortage it was often possible to find a substitute material. At the end of one or two meetings it is possible to allocate amounts according to needs.

EXPORT NEEDS

The Government realised the need for increasing the export trade and no one was more interested in that than the Chancellor of the Exchequer because it was only by increasing exports that the country could increase its reserves of foreign exchange.

To get a programme for the export trade as a whole was a complicated business.

When war broke out, they had, of necessity, to concentrate upon very urgent matters such as the supplies of materials and to effect a reduction of imports and to establish control. Naturally these things had interfered a good deal with the export trade. But it was always recognised that after the first phase of dislocation, it would be necessary to make adjustments. They had now arrived at the second phase.

PARAMOUNT CONSIDERATION

There had been an investigation of the needs of the export trade and of the co-ordination necessary in order

JAPAN'S SIX-YEAR NAVAL PROGRAMME

Tokyo, To-day.

A six-year navy rearmament plan, entailing expenditure of about £585,000,000, is announced by the War Office and Navy Office.

It is stated the plan is necessary "for the achievement of Japan's goal in China, as well as to cope with future developments in the complicated international situation."—Reuter.

IN INDIA

GANDHI TO MEET VICEROY ON MONDAY

London, To-day.

In the House of Commons yesterday, the Under-Secretary for India was asked about the political situation in India, and about further discussions between the Viceroy and the Indian leaders.

The answer was that Mr. Gandhi is meeting the Governor-General next Monday, and the Secretary of State has no further statement to make. — Reuter.

to reconstruct it.

In conclusion, he said the War Cabinet, in dealing with these questions, were governed by one paramount consideration—would the proposed action help to win the war.

GRAF SPEE FACTS

MONTEVIDEO, TO-DAY.

NEW LIGHT ON THE SCUTTling OF THE GRAF SPEE COMES FROM A REPORT ISSUED BY THE URUGUAYAN TECHNICAL COMMISSION, WHICH HAS REACHED THE CONCLUSION THAT ESSENTIAL REPAIRS TO THE GRAF SPEE COULD HAVE BEEN MADE WITHIN THE THREE DAYS ALLOWED HER.

Her damage did not make her impossible to navigate and the Captain himself said that the engines were undamaged. Apart from holes in the hull, damage sustained was mostly to the bakery, kitchens and fire-fighting plant.

In spite of this, the Graf Spee preferred to scuttle herself rather than fight her way out of Montevideo. —

THE THAW

RAILWAYS GETTING BACK TO NORMAL

London, To-day.

Railway traffic in Britain, dislocated by the bad weather, is now running almost to normal.

On the Southern Railway, for instance, trains are running to schedule almost without exception.

The only serious difficulty is experienced on the main line between London and the north, and railway communication with Scotland is still impossible.—Reuter.

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Finland Makes Offer Of Peace, But Not Surrender

READY TO END HOSTILITIES ON HONOURABLE TERMS

HELSINKI, TO-DAY.

A DECLARATION THAT FINLAND IS READY FOR AN HONOURABLE PEACE WAS MADE BY PRESIDENT KALLIO, SPEAKING IN THE FINNISH PARLIAMENT YESTERDAY.

PROMISES OF AID TO FINLAND

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE FOREIGN UNDER SECRETARY, IN A PARLIAMENTARY REPLY, STATED THAT THE FOLLOWING NATIONS HAD SPECIALLY INFORMED THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS OF THEIR READINESS TO ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION CONCERNING ASSISTANCE TO FINLAND:—

Argentina, Australia, Bolivia, Colombia, Dominica, Ecuador, Egypt, France, India, Liberia, Mexico, South Africa and Uruguay.

Mr. Butler pointed out, however, that all the states which voted for the League resolution thereby undertook to act in accordance with it.

Referring to the nature of the assistance Mr. Butler said the Secretary-General of the League had been informed that the Government of South Africa were releasing certain aircraft for Finland and that the Australian Government had given ten thousand Australian pounds to the Finnish Government for Red Cross purposes.

Mr. Butler recalled that the British Government were giving "very substantial assistance by facilitating the export of war material from Britain. Further substantial assistance is, it is understood, also being given by the French Government."—British Wireless.

President Kallio said the aggressor "has shamelessly exposed his imperialistic designs and shown that he wants to destroy us."

He claimed that the Soviet had lost several of their best divisions, and that the Finnish troops had already thrown back part of the enemy forces beyond the eastern frontier.

He added: "The Soviets are forcing us to fight men who have no responsibility for the war and whom we have no reason to hate."

"That is why we consider this aggression senseless and are ready to negotiate an honourable peace, but the Russian authorities know little of the Finnish people if they think we are capable of submitting to their dictates."

President Kallio concluded that the Finnish people had shown its greatness before the whole world by its moral force and spirit of sacrifice with which it was defending its rights and preventing Bolshevism from extending to the West.—Reuter.

Appeal For More Help

President Kallio coupled his peace offer, which he made clear was made to avoid senseless slaughter and not because Finland was weakening in her spirit or resolution, with a renewed appeal to outside Powers to send more help.

He revealed that Swedish volunteers were still arriving and had done magnificent work on the Central Front, but said that the chief immediate need was a means to combat air raids. Munitions were required on a growing scale and shortly food supplies would be necessary.

In his peace offer, President Kallio said that Finland had nothing to ask of the invader except respect for Finland's rights.—Reuter.

BOMBING OF RED AIR BASES

Helsinki, To-day.

Details of the recent bombing of the Russian air base at Baltiski by the Finns are given in the newspaper "Uusisuomi."

The paper states that the Finnish bombers destroyed some Russian machines and started fires which could be seen for miles.

The newspaper declares that the Russian commander of the airport was subsequently summoned to Leningrad and has not returned.

The Soviet authorities, it added, have ordered a nightly black-out on the Russian-occupied islands of Oesel and Dagoe.

The newspaper says it now seems certain that not only Baltiski but the airports on Oesel, Dagoe and elsewhere have been successfully raided by the Finns.—Reuter.

Estonian Admission

Helsinki, To-day.
According to reports from Tallinn

JAPANESE MAKING A "CONCESSION"

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Tientsin, To-day.

Agreement in principle has been reached between the British Consul-General and the Japanese authorities under which five lorries of provisions for the British Concession will be allowed through the barriers daily.

The new system will come into force after several minor details have been settled.—Havas.

EXTENSIVE FIGHTING ON CENTRAL FRONT AND SOUTH PETSAMO

Helsinki, To-day.

EXTENSIVE FIGHTING is now going on along the Central Finnish Front and also in the Far North, where the Soviets have again bombed hospitals.

On the Central Front, the main centre of activity is the Rasti sector, where the Finns are reported to be slowly advancing. This battle has been going on since Monday and the area is so extensive that no decisive result is expected for several days.

Most of the Finnish troops are still on their own side of the border, but ski patrols cross over daily into Russia.

Further North, Rovaniemi, near the head of the Gulf of Bothnia, was attacked by three waves of Soviet bombers. The Russians dropped 150 bombs, killing 12 people—some of whom were in hospitals—and injuring 60 others.

In the far north, a Soviet attack was beaten off after a night-long battle some 550 miles south of Petsamo. The attack was preceded by an aerial offensive, but the Finns counter-attacked and drove the Russians back to their original positions.—Reuter.

Official Communiqué

Helsinki, To-day.

A communiqué dealing with Wednesday's activities records that Russian attacks north-east of Lake Ladoga were repulsed with heavy losses to the enemy.

Attacks at Salla and in the direction of Petsamo were also repelled.

The enemy bombed Rovaniemi and flew over other towns.

Casualties amounted to "some dozens of civilians killed and about 40 wounded."

Two enemy planes were brought down.—Reuter.

the Estonian authorities have admitted for the first time that foreign aircraft from an unnamed country have repeatedly bombed the Soviet air bases in Estonia in the last few weeks.

The last occasion was on Wednesday this week, when Baltiski was heavily bombed and flames were visible for many miles.

The first raid on this base was a complete surprise for the Russians, and many planes and hangars were destroyed.

Almost all the Soviet air bases in Estonia have been raided.

The commander of the Baltiski base was long ago recalled to Leningrad and has never returned. Many officers at other Soviet bases in Estonia have also failed to return after being recalled. They are thought to have been shot.—Reuter.

"Alcazar" Holds

Helsinki, To-day.

The Russians lost 300 of their crack ski troops, from the Third Siberian Ski Battalion, in a battle with the Finns yesterday in the Rasti sector. It is reported that much of the battalion has been dispersed.

The stand of the Finns in a fortress on an island dominating the military road to the north of Lake Ladoga is now being compared by neutral military observers with the stand put up in the Alcazar, Toledo, during the Spanish war.

(Except that, of course, the Finns do not have any of the wives of the opposing side in the fort with them to distract the enemy aim).

SOVIET BAULKED

So long as this fort holds out, its guns prevent the military road from being used, and the Soviets cannot get reinforcements or supplies up the road. Lying right on the edge of Lake Ladoga, next to Soviet-occupied Finland, the fortress is virtually cut off from outside aid.

Nevertheless, repeated Soviet attacks across the ice have been repelled. Each Soviet detachment is driven back by intense machine-gun fire, ice-sleds are destroyed or turned back by artillery fire, while each succeeding wave of tanks is put out of action.

The fortress is still holding out, and while it is in action not a Soviet column can use the military road.—Reuter.

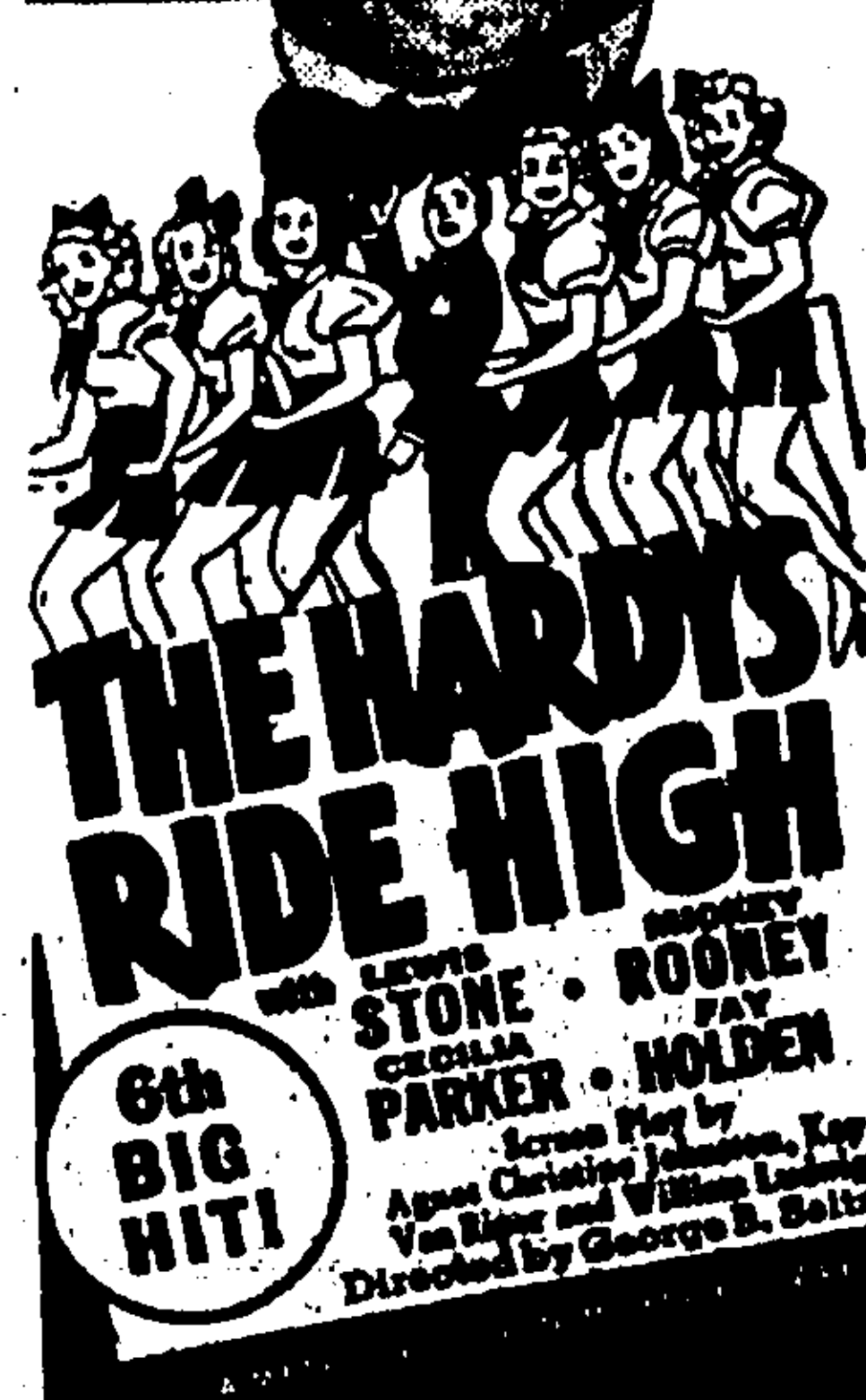
SIR WALTER CITRINE BACK FROM FRONT

Helsinki, To-day.

Sir Walter Citrine and other members of the British Trade Union group visiting Finland, have returned to Helsinki from the Karelian Isthmus frontier, which has been fairly quiet now for several days.—Reuter.

He Chi-chiu, six-year-old boy, died yesterday from a fractured skull received when he was struck by a bamboo pole at No. 2, O'Brien Road. He died on the way to hospital.

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GERMANS READY TO "STRAFE ENGLAND"

WHATEVER MAY BE the views at present held in Germany about a possible invasion of Britain, it was certainly regarded as feasible by somebody in the last war.

In 1915 the German General Staff issued a little volume entitled "Sprachführer für den Westlichen Kriegsschauplatz," or "Phrase Book for the Western Theatre of War." On the evidence of that book the Western Theatre then included England, and it is clear that some "frightfulness" had been prepared for the English countryside. Indeed, the watchword stamped upon the little volume is the old German prayer "Zum Geleit: Gott Strafe England."



"L'Œuvre" Paris Bear: "I don't wish to represent Russia any longer."

Blown 30 Feet Up A Ladder

The explosion which sank the British steamer Carmarthen Coast (961 tons) blew one man thirty feet—straight up a ladder.

As he was falling, he grabbed it and hung on. This man, Fireman John Leslie, told of his escape when the ship's lifeboat landed the fifteen survivors.

The explosion killed two men, the second engineer and a donkeyman, and injured six others.

OUT BY PORTHOLE

Able Seaman Donald Rose, of Oliphant-terrace, Kirkcaldy, who was in the galley when the explosion occurred, said: "The stove was shattered and pieces of iron struck me about the head hands and face."

"Everything was in darkness. I could not get out of the galley by the door, but managed to unscrew a porthole cover, scramble out and get into the lifeboat."

"We were in the boat about an hour and a half before we reached the shore."

Watchers on the coast saw the ship sink by the stern.

HEARD DEPTH CHARGES

A hundred and sixty women and their children were aboard a ship homeward bound to England when it was attacked by an enemy submarine.

They had the thrill of hearing depth charges dropped and were told later that the U-boat had been destroyed.

Among the children were Donald and Dennis Shaw, aged five and three, sons of Sergeant and Mrs. Shaw, of Wombwell, South Yorks.

Mrs. Shaw, who reached home from an overseas station where she had been living with her husband, told the press: "We had just got the children to bed when we were startled by a loud thud. A woman shouted that we were being bombed. 'There was no panic.'"

The dialogues in this precious little volume are offered as renderings in German spelling of English sentences. On the first landing in Lincoln or Essex the apt pupil takes out his book and thus addresses a yokel on the road: "Du juh splhk dschormen?" (that is, "Do you speak German?").

The yokel will probably stare at his questioner, who then proceeds: "Ahr juh aut off szls neberhud? Is sze willedsch okjupaid" bai soldjers?"

"Okjupaid" is good, as Polonius would say, and has a reminiscent Lewis Carroll air.

Then comes a bit of the real Germanic method: "Juh ahr a spal. If juh trai tu ron aweh juh uill bih schott. Kom nihrer. Tekh ze lihd."

Even after he had done that there were more troubles ahead for the supposed "spal." "Kilhp sallenz. Juh haw to ansyer ohnli tuh mai kwast-chens. Wott isz juhr nehm? Wott ahr juh duink szahr? Haw juh ani letters or ani pehpers wisz juh? Tekh off juhr buhts. Ondresz juh. Kot juhr laining. Empti juhr pockets."

THE "PIKS" IN POSSESSION

We leave the bewildered "spal" and come to the chairman of some urban district council under cross-examination by a German staff officer. The opening is encouraging: "Juh ahr personalli raszponsibel. Ift aur orders ahr nott obehd juh uill be arrasted asz a hostedsch. Ahr juh mahr off szls taun? Hau mani inhabitens has itt? Isz szahr a hospitel? Ahr szahr ani baraks? Hau mani fisischens ahr hier? Scho mih sze tschemist's schopp? Ahr szahr ani kontedschos (splendid word!) dishses at present?"

"Ui uont tu pripah kwoters for osz hier" is as good a specimen of the enchanting jargon as any, but even when pronounced with meticulous kahr by an elocutionist it would be a puzzle. When it is rapped out raucously by a Boche with a not improbably dry throat and angry tongue—tableau!

We come next to the farmer in the market-place: "Ui ahr fohr rekwlischchen in szls uilledsch, szohr. Rait daun woot ui uont. Twenti oksen; fohr hondred piks (as if there were not, according to this picture, enough newly arrived "piks" in the neighbourhood to satisfy any swine-lover!) fail hondred kworts off milk; silks hondred paunds off flaur; sseven hondred sohlted harrings; eht hondred paunds off behken"; and crown all, "nain hondred szoszidsches." Don't they sound luscious?

But this is a serious business. "Huewer halds ani wiktjals uill bih arrasted. Sze taun will haw tuh peh a fain off fail hondred paunds of storing. Ohl soplals uill bih pehd fohr lehter on. Ewerriboddi (that looks a bit Welsh) gatts a ressiht for ohl hi soplaid."

But they are human after all, for "Ai haw a pahni!" And a very bad one, let us hope, before they had been long in East Anglia. But it is all interesting as showing what was prepared for us then and would be dealt out to us now—if only "piks" could fly, or get here by boat, in sufficient numbers.



"... And here's a picture of my brother Fred when he was six!"

Red Spy Duped A King

New York, Jan. 11.

Nicholas Dozenberg, at first believed to be an insignificant Communist, who was arrested here last month on a passport charge, was revealed to-day as an ace Soviet spy.

Dozenberg, it is alleged, duped "an important European monarch" and used a royal plane for espionage purposes.

The European king in question was not named by the Federal officials who made the revelations.

Dozenberg to-day pleaded guilty to using a fraudulent United States passport.

According to the officials' story, he used the royal plane to make aerial photographs for the Red Army of military objectives in the ruler's country.

The European nation involved is reliably reported as being one which might be the logical scene of the next conflict resulting from the Imperialist drive of Russia.

Dozenberg, according to the authorities here, acted as special photographer from the monarch of a number of beautiful women in whom the ruler was interested, and was known as Nicholas Dallant, photographer to the Court.

Money Smugglers Caught In Paris

Paris, Jan. 10.

Twenty arrests were made yesterday in a sudden police operation against a widespread Black Bourse, or unofficial market, syndicate in Paris.

A Lettish-born banker, Mr. Hosten Saken Wolf, was arrested in his sumptuously-appointed apartment in the fashionable Rue de Longchamp. Two other members of the syndicate, who were attempting to smuggle gold and currency across the Franco-Swiss frontier, were caught red-handed in the Gare de Lyon with more than £60,000 worth of foreign currency hidden beneath the false bottoms of their luggage.

Police entered two banks near the Bourse and arrested the managing directors and simultaneously cafes in the same district were raided in the search for agents of the syndicate.

The police acted on information that this organisation was arranging illicit exportation of capital to neutral countries and conducting a traffic in gold lous, sterling and dollars. They sold dollar notes at the rate of 60 francs while the nominal official quotation is 45 francs. Some £100,000 in gold lous pieces, sold at 300 francs, gold dollars and paper money were seized.

GERMANS 'MASTER RACE'

The Germans are "a race of masters" (Herrenvolk). This is the boast of the "Warschauer Zeitung," founded in Warsaw shortly after the Nazi occupation.

"Just as within any race the best elements are destined to be the fighters, leaders, and guarantors of progress and order," says the newspaper, "so among races certain people and States are destined by fate to play a leading role in their sphere."

"It was not easy to enforce our claim of leadership. To-day, however, Germans lead in Central Europe, the region entrusted to them by fate. Whoever opposes us in this region will be smashed."

"The Polish State was overtaken by fate because its leaders thought they could disregard the justified claims of the German masters. This meant disregard of the national relationships and disregard of the German mission. Germany will now fulfil her duties as a race of masters for all time."

Flood Facts

That the Great Flood of the Bible which drove Noah and his small community to the sanctuary of the Ark can be confirmed and dated by means of science is the contention of noted Italian seismologist, Professor Raffaele Bendandi.

Bendandi, known as "the wonder man of Faenza," is a wood-carver who has gained fame through his accuracy in predicting earthquakes, for his discovery of four new planets beyond Neptune.

It is on these four new planets that the Professor bases his scientific data concerning the Flood.

Claiming that their huge power of attraction regulated all geological movements and earthquakes, he states that research into the movements of the planets proves conclusively and scientifically that the Deluge did actually occur in 2887 B.C. as written in the Bible.

Further research, contends "wonder man" Bendandi, establishes beyond doubt that the "mythical" island or continent of Atlantis was no myth but an actual fact.

He places the position of Atlantis as west of the Pillars of Hercules, adduces evidence that it was submerged beneath the Atlantic by an earthquake in the autumn of 16,000 B.C.

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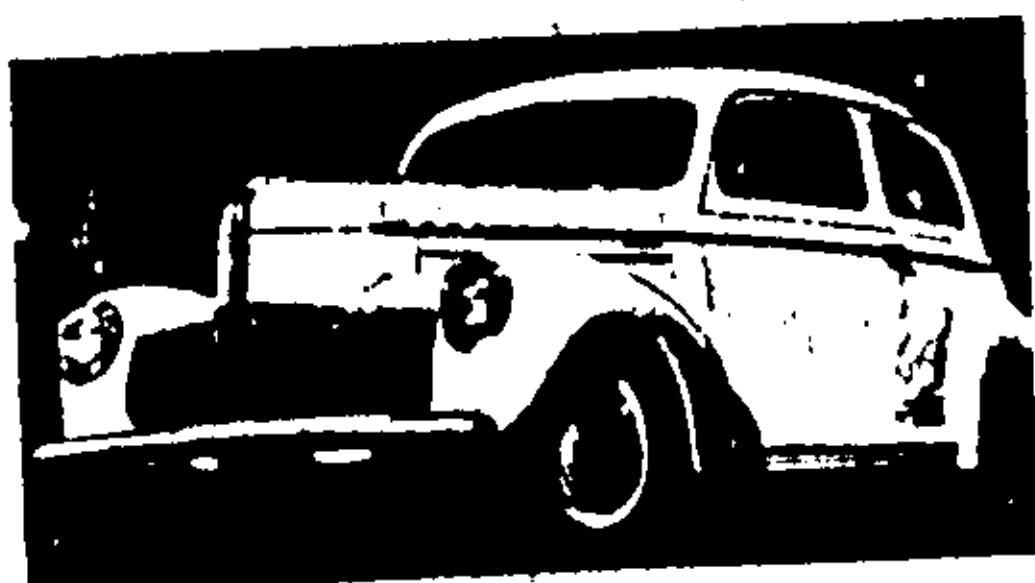
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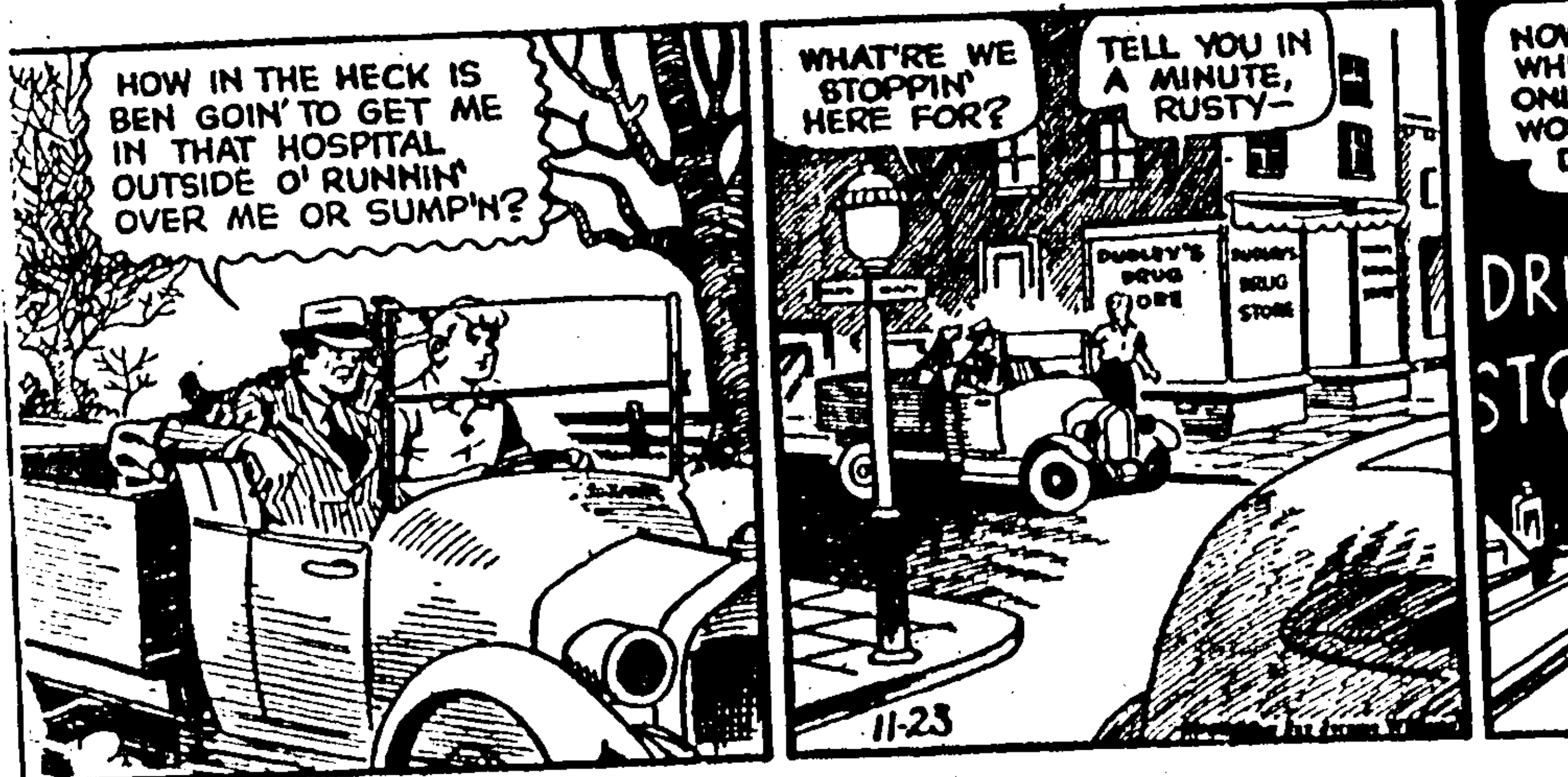
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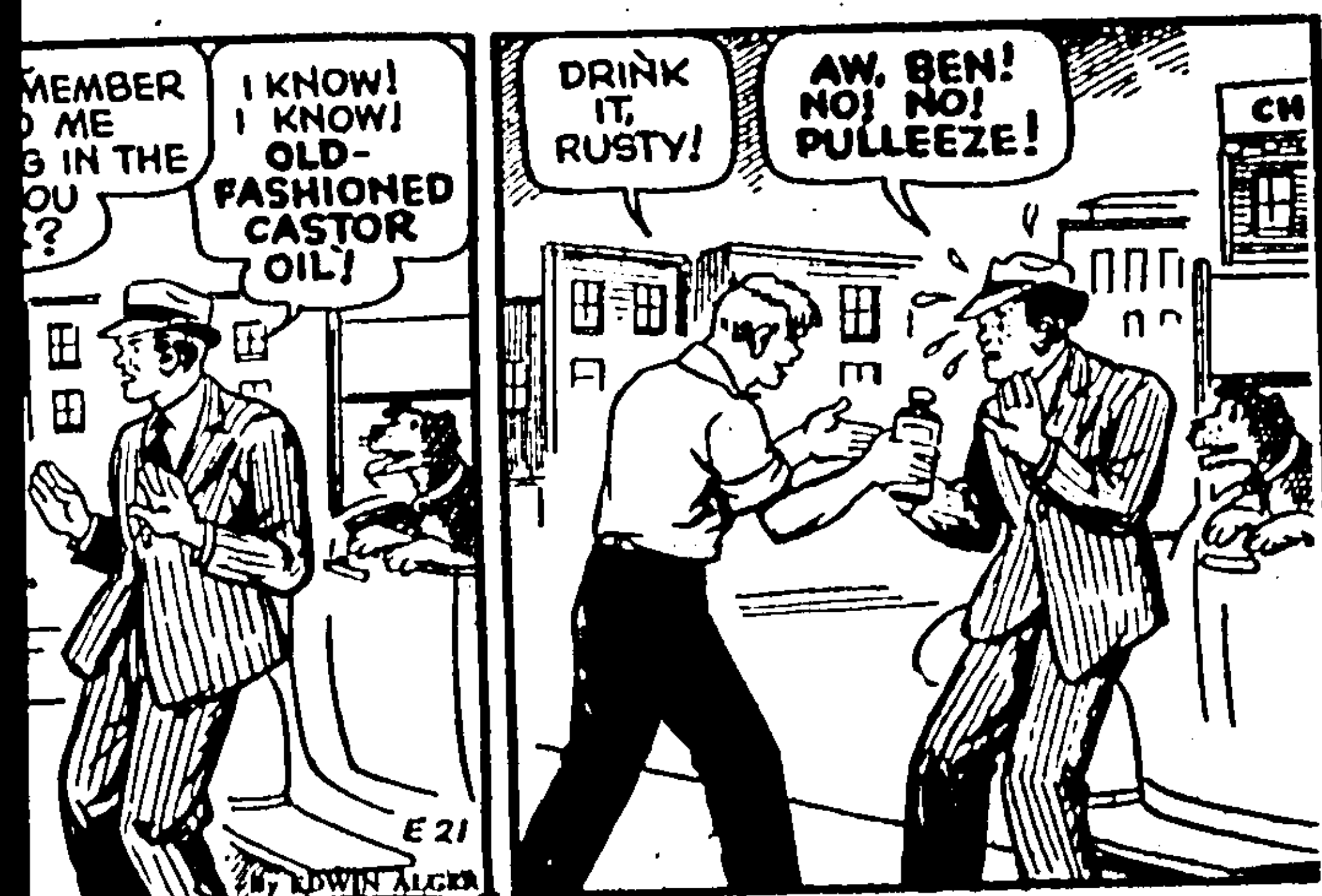
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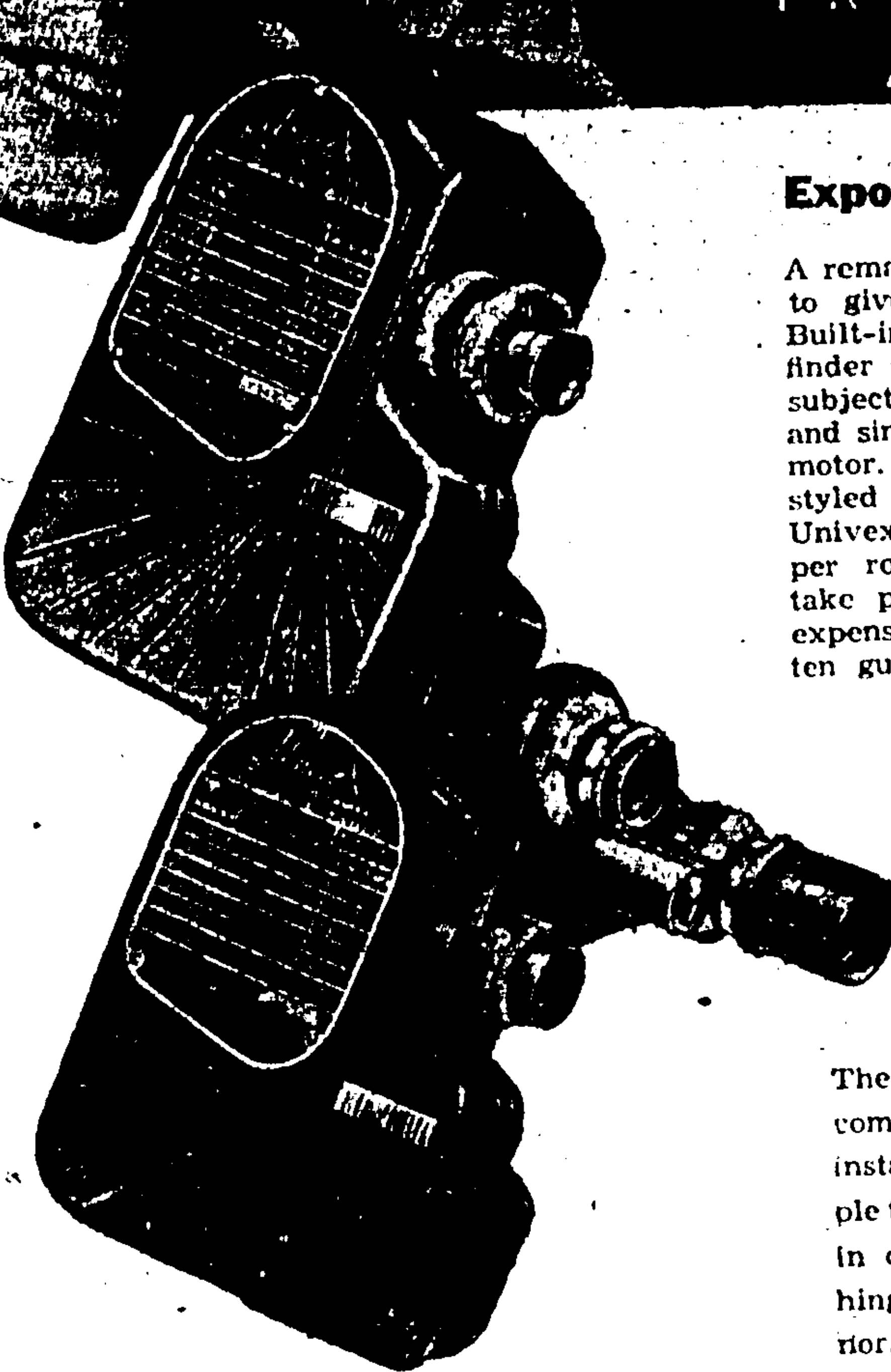


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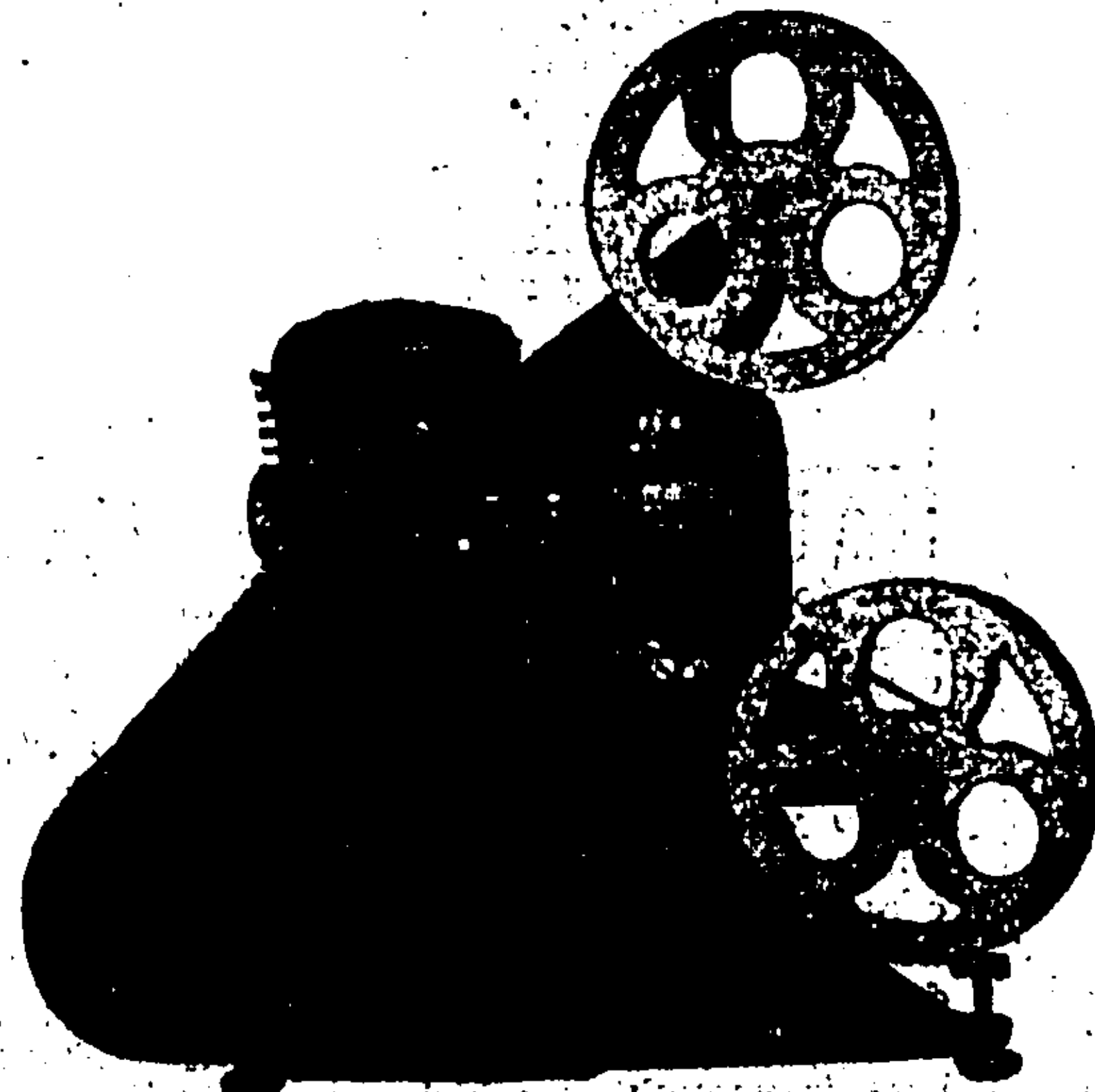
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SHORT STORY

STOLEN FRUIT

By Ursula Bloom

MARION was sitting before the mirror dressing for Ken's coming of age party. It was the evening she had been looking forward to for years. She was still a young woman, just over forty, good-looking, comfortably off, with no cares. Jim was an admirable husband. She had an exquisite house in a fashionable suburb, and to-day was going to be the triumph of her life.

Twenty-one years ago Ken had been born. She had wanted a boy desperately. All through the intervening years he had been exactly the son that she would have desired could she have chosen. Not a paragon, but certainly not the other thing. Now he had started life, a most successful start; he would go far, and his family were proud of him.

"I'm a lucky woman," said Marion to herself. There was Jim, too, Jim who was such a dear. Never in the whole of their twenty-three years of marriage had they actually quarrelled; just little tiffs, nothing of any importance. They had planned that when Ken grew up and no longer really needed them, they would take a second honeymoon. Within three weeks they would be going on a magnificent trip round the world together.

She thought, "No woman deserves the amazing luck that I've had. Everything's gone right with me. I have love. I have riches. I'm terribly happy."

From the glass her face looked back at her. She did not look her age. It was a white triangle from which dark imaginative eyes surveyed her, a sensitive mouth, a curving throat.

She fastened about her neck a string of pearls that Jim had given her only to-day. Twenty years ago it had been a little string as a thank-offering for his son. His gift now was the second string to add to that first, only this time they were magnificent pearls, the best that he could afford. She thought laughingly, "Most women would think that such a necklace was a sop to his conscience, but not so with Jim." He had never looked at another woman, for Marion had always been the one star in his life.

She got up, noticing a light dusting of powder on her dark velvet frock. She used her own clothes brush with impatience. The back was gold and enamel but the bristles were useless. Why did they make women's things so foolishly, she asked herself, and went into Jim's dressing-room, to borrow his.

The place was in disorder, and he had already gone down to meet their guests. She rummaged about, and that was when the letter caught her eye. It was stuffed away into the corner of his drawer.

She did not know why she read it; it was the sort of thing she had never done before, for curiosity was not one of her sins. Having started she could not stop herself.

"Darling,—I know it is quite dreadful for both of us, more particularly as we have to keep this from Marion. You will know to-night that I am simply longing to talk to you and to be alone with you, and yet I know this happiness cannot be mine. It is terrible to think that we may be separated so soon, and yet I hate trying to persuade you to give up the wretched trip round the world. If you can, convey to me during the evening what you real plans are. Oh, my dear, I feel such a traitor to poor Marion. I know you feel so too, but love is something which we cannot control, and for which we should not be entirely blamed. I do love you, you know, Jim darling.—Val."

It was in Valerie Fane's writing and Val had been Marion's best friend for the last seven years. Immediately she recalled little glances, little phrases, all manner of moments that might have meant everything or nothing, and which now quite obviously had meant a great deal more than she had supposed. She panicked.

"What am I to do?" she asked of herself.

There was the sound of cars driving up to the door, the plucking of a string band in the distance. The guests were actually arriving at this very moment. It was Ken's coming of age party, the day she had been looking forward to for solid twenty-one years. Looking forward to, she told herself. Suddenly her world was going blank.

Marion came downstairs, having taken a dose of brandy; she had slipped the letter into her handkerchief sachet, determining to see what would come of this thing. There might be some mistake, she kept telling herself. She would watch them and try not to jump at conclusions. After all, it was unfair to suspect a man after twenty-three years of faithfulness on a single letter, which might have been written as a joke (in the vilest taste, of course), or anything else. Jim was already receiving the first guests.

With a pang she saw that the years had made him even better-looking. He had a subtle attraction which she must have been mad not to have realised would appeal to other women. She went to his side. Here was Ken, gay, cheery, and excited. "Darling old mater. This is going to be the night of my life," and all the while the band with its irritating, inquiring little tunes, and the sick knowledge in her heart.

The person she was waiting for was late in coming, then she saw her in the doorway. Val was wearing white, the one colour which Marion could not wear. On her shoulder was a handsome spray of orchids. Marion was angry with herself for remembering that Jim had always sent her orchids in their engaged days. She pulled herself together with a jerk.

"Dear Val, so good of you to come." All the while she was intensely aware of Jim's face lighting up, that same look in his eyes that they had had for her the first day they got engaged. "It's true," she told herself, then again in desperation she tried to pretend that it could not be.

After all, you had to have more to go upon than the look in a man's face, and a spray of orchids on a woman's shoulder. She was exaggerating things.

The evening dragged on. Different friends mentioned their trip, and congratulated them on the idea. A second honeymoon and see the world.

"I call it a marvellous idea of yours going round the world now. Still young enough to enjoy it and old enough to understand it." "You'll find it pretty humdrum settling down afterwards. When do you start?"

From Jim, "It all depends on business in the office. Just recently one or two things have cropped up making it rather awkward. I am still not quite sure if I shall be able to get away."

Marion's eyes caught the look on Val's interested face. Enquiring eyes, wondering mouth. Was he conveying to her that the trip was off?

She said quickly, "But, darling, we've reserved our cabins. We shall have to go."

He answered very quietly, "Of course, if possible. But business has been so difficult lately, and there's a tide in the affairs of men, you know."

"Some tide," she thought to herself and turned away.

Now she felt there was no doubt about it whatever. She was sure, and the thing was to know what to do. What next, she kept asking herself. To tackle Val would be madness. It would be the usual things, and nothing was to be gained by usualness. Jim was the man. There was the whole twenty-three years of sentiment behind their tie, which should surely stand for something. Twenty-one years ago she had lain in that bedroom with the very new Ken in her arms thinking, "I would give so much to see what he will be like when he grows up," and she had pictured to-night. Now she would have given everything she possessed to be back in that room with the baby again. Unfortunately life does not deal in sec-

ond chances.

The last guest left. "You're looking dog tired, dear," said Jim kindly, "You slip up to bed." "I want to have a talk with you," she said. He did not appear gully. He was apparently so sure of himself that he did not suppose that he might have been caught out.

"If it's about that trip," he said, "I don't think anything is to be gained by talking to-night. We've got to wait and see what happens at the office."

She threw all her cards on the table. "It isn't about the trip," she said. "It's about Val."

There was silence. Then he went over to the sideboard slowly and poured himself out a stiff brandy. He did not attempt to hedge.

"So you've found out," he said.

"How long has it been going on?" He came back and told her the truth. Somehow she knew it was the truth, by the look in his eyes.

"Life seemed so monotonous and ordinary. It was going on and on. I know I'm a cad to say this, but I've got to tell you exactly how it happened. I think it started down at the golf links. We were talking one night and she said something about life ceasing when adventure was dead. I thought, 'By Jove, that's what's happening to me!'"

She interrupted. "But how could you? You've got me and you've got Ken, and this marvellous trip coming off. All manner of adventure."

"Unfortunately, you and Ken and the trip are not emotional adventures, and I needed the emotional adventure. I must have been crazy. I know, but when I began it, I didn't mean anything wrong. Once when I was a kid, I climbed into the neighbouring orchard and stole a whole sack of apples. This was very much the same thing, when you come to think about it. I didn't realise then that it was stealing, and I didn't realise that an adventure with Val was in some senses a crime. Can you possibly understand?"

"Yes, I can," she admitted, "and if you'll end it all now and come round the world with me and forget everything, it will be all right. We'll give up this house, and go and live the other side of London, and of course, you will never see Valerie again."

"Unfortunately," he said, "that isn't possible. Now Valerie has come to mean something more than an adventure, something more than stolen fruit, and somebody else's orchard. I can't give her up."

"You mean you're not coming on this trip?"

He shied at that helplessly. "I told you business was being difficult."

"It isn't business at all."

Then he admitted it. "No, it isn't," he said.

"Jim, you can't possibly wreck the whole of our married life like this. You must do something about it. There is Ken to be thought of."

"Don't you think I have thought about Ken? He's finished with us. He's grown up now and doesn't need us any more. He's got his own life to lead. It won't matter so much to him if his father and mother do split."

The brutal words were said.

"But you can't mean we are going to split?"

"I'm afraid, Marion, it's inevitable."

She didn't know how she lived through the next few days. There were the futile arguments and hysterical weepings, turning round and round in a circle and finding no way out. This was the sort of thing that had happened to many of her own friends, but she never thought it could happen to her. She'd been so sure of Jim. Probably that was the enormous mistake she had made. So sure, that their married life had become monotonous, and he had sought the stolen adventure elsewhere. She had been so happy that she had believed her happiness was eternal. Nothing is eternal. She knew that now.

In the end, dignity helped her, for she had always been a dignified woman. She refused to divorce him. She refused to see Valerie. She gave him

some months to think it over, and meanwhile she would go on the trip round the world alone. One thing was certain, she could not have stayed where she was. She could not have gone on meeting people, pretending about her position to them. She couldn't have risked meeting Valerie. There was an element of pride in it too, and also there was Jim. If he didn't want her, she would not thrust herself upon him.

The great ship started her round the world.

Just at first there were days of seasickness, in her tiny little cabin with green waves pounding against the porthole. Later the life of the ship began, cruising through the Mediterranean, blue days and sapphire nights, an enormous moon, music, the realisation that she was not an old woman, and there might be other chances ahead of her, gradually awaking from lethargy.

In her heart the fact remained, insistent, the fundamental fact that even though a man be unfaithful to her, a woman clings to him for ever. Twenty-three years is too long a time to uproot, and she wanted Jim terribly.

In the Suez Canal she met Hugo Shane. He was the inevitable handsome bachelor, who goes round the world. Women had angled for him unsuccessfully, and probably would go on angling for all time. Marion was interested in him only because he represented balm to her wound, and his attentions were flattering. She never thought he would take her seriously, because she believed that he was not the marrying sort.

In Colombo he offered her his hand and heart. "I can't," she said, "I'm married already."

"Something could be arranged." It was a vivid tropical night with dark palms waving along the shore and the sound of water breaking on the beach. "You're the first woman I have ever asked to marry me, and I can't believe that you're going to turn me down like this."

"Only," she confessed, "I happen to love my husband still." And then she asked out of sheer curiosity, "What made you want to marry me?"

He said, "Because you are beautiful and attractive and the one woman in the world. I have adventured up and down, all over the world, and now I want something more than the vagabond life. I want emotional adventure."

She gave him one look, and began to smile wisely to herself. Was this what attracted all men? Turning from him, she ran down to her cabin.

After that there seemed to be innumerable days and nights of sea and shore, of shore and sea; the same people, in the same way, though in different places. Journeying on and on interminably.

Hugo did not let her go easily. Sitting by the taffrail talking to him under a gay awning, she grew accustomed to the fact that he loved her.

"Why sacrifice your life for a man who doesn't care for you?" he asked her.

She did not answer.

"I want you so much." She felt his hand on her wrist. It was complimentary to see that look in his eyes, and to feel his arm caressing her. She supposed it was just what she wanted. Perhaps Jim had been right and she had allowed life to go on and on, dull and monotonous. She was at breaking point. She needed a change.

"I could not marry again," she kept saying.

He kissed her, and she was ashamed to think that it was good to be kissed again. Good to thrill. If Jim did not care, she had got to forget him. Their honeymoon in New York, their twenty-three years of happiness, Ken, home. She turned to Hugo.

As they neared America he exploited the idea. She was surprised to find that it did not horrify her. They were sick of the ship by now; the same meals, the same people. Why not stay a few days in New York. Hugo suggested. They had both been

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Starring Mickey Rooney, "The Hardys Ride High" comes to the Queen's Theatre to-morrow. Above is a scene from the film, showing Lewis Stone and Cecilia Parker.

STOLEN FRUIT

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there before (though she did not tell him it had been her honeymoon), but they could go about and see places. There is so much to do in New York.

At first she said it was absurd and could not be done. He argued, and she realised that she wanted a break in the cruise. It must have been that which made her agree.

"Let's be tourists," she said at last. "There's so much fun to be got there. We might perhaps pay a flying visit to California."

A crazy notion, but she felt crazy. She left all the arrangements to him. For once she was taking the acquiescent role. She was agreeing because she found it the line of least resistance. If Jim had only written, if she had only had a line from him, it would have been so different. When a man tires of his wife it leaves her cold and heart sore. That was how she felt. She dare not think of Val.

She wanted to go home, and yet she realised that when it came to going home, she would be afraid. What to do next was the everlasting question.

They drove to the hotel in the dim hour before New York lights up. She could hardly believe that she was selling life by the forelock, doing something she had condemned a hundred times in other people and was not even surprised at herself. It seemed natural. Only last night, as they cruised along, Hugo had said, "Every woman needs romance, needs loving. Isn't it her whole existence?" He had been right.

It was a shock to find it the same hotel. Twenty-three years had changed it a great deal, but it was the same threshold she had crossed as a bride. More dazzling, more modern, more luxurious, but the same place.

"Why did we come here?" she asked, as they went through the hall.

"It's a good hotel. Not too small, not too big; you'll like it."

An over-blond girl held out a book. She watched Hugo as he poised the pen. For a moment his eyes met hers; they were the eyes of a man on the highest point of adventure. Then he wrote. She saw the words, "Mr. and Mrs. Johnstone." The black and white letters brought her up with a jerk. The whole cruise had been unreal, ever since Colombo, ever since he had asked her to marry him. She had been living in a dream, and had acted as one does in dreams, never weighing up the consequences of those actions.

"Please," she said hurriedly. He was assisting her towards the elevator, and she believed she could not go through with it. What did one do? Make a scene in a public place?

She stopped dead. It was at that very moment that she became aware of the fact that she was being watched. At the corner table in the great hall a man was sitting. Instantly she realised that it was Jim, Jim who ought to have been miles away.

He came towards her, and, watching him, she knew that if there were forty Valeries in the world, she didn't care. He was still her man and she loved him. She could not go through

with this thing.

Ignoring Hugo, he said, "Somehow I guessed you'd come here to-night. If you hadn't, I was going to go on board to find you. I thought it was about time you and I had a talk."

"I can't bear much more," she said, and then, quite helplessly, "do please help me."

He glanced at Hugo. He said, "This looks like one of those occasions when there is a crowd."

"Agreed, but who is the third? Looks to me as if you happened to be that man."

"This is my wife."

Hugo smiled. "It was unfortunate meeting you here, but that can't be helped. The only thing you can do now is . . ."

Marion laid her hand on his arm. "Please, Hugo, don't you see this is the end? It was the end really before I saw him; when you wrote in the book. Be brave enough to recognise it."

Then she turned away, leaving the men to settle it. Ten minutes later Jim came to her and linked her arm in his. "Let's go and have something to eat, Marion. I'm starving."

They sat down in the restaurant together. He ordered their favourite dishes and for a while did not mention their present position. When the coffee came, he leaned forward.

"Look here, Marion, we've both of us made very big mistakes."

"Jim, I'm so ashamed."

"I'm the one to be ashamed. I started it. I'm afraid I've been a dreadful cad, but it really has been the same thing as the apple orchard all over again. While you were at home and didn't know anything about it. I had to sneak out to see Val like a guilty schoolboy. Though I didn't know it, that was where the fun lay. It was stolen fruit, and stolen fruit is always sweetest."

"Oh my dear! Since you have been away, Valerie has been in the house and hanging round my neck on every possible occasion, and if you want to know the truth, I've found her a damn, dull woman. It takes some courage to say this, because you'll laugh at me, and it is quite possibly exactly what you planned."

"I didn't," she said, "because I'm not clever enough. I did not realise that it was because it was stolen fruit. I thought you were in love with her."

"I may have thought I was in love with her, but I'm not now. I've put the house up for sale, and we will move to the other side of London. I'm game to start again, if you'll only let me."

"But what about to-night, Jim? You saw what happened."

"I saw you would never have gone through with it. I knew you too well. We've both learnt a lot, my dear; can we start again?"

She didn't know what to do. Then she said, "Oh, Jim, I have been so dreadfully unhappy and wanted you so much. It's funny all this should happen just where we started on our first honeymoon."

"And our second," said he.

"And our second," she agreed.

VERNACULAR SCHOOL SPEECH DAY

Mr. Li Tse-fong distributed the prizes at the Government Vernacular School for Boys this morning on the eve of break-up for the Chinese New Year holidays.

Mr. Y. P. Law, Mr. P. K. Kwok, Mr. Fung Ping-wah, Mr. Fung Ping-fan, Mr. Kwang Tse-ming and Dr. Au Tai-yuen were among those present.

Mr. Li Tse-fong, in a brief speech, remarked that the school was unique in that its curriculum is balanced between Chinese and English. What was more worthy of praise, he said, was that Chinese, the mother tongue of all the boys, was being employed as the medium of instruction for practically all subjects in the lower classes. This coincided with the view he had always held, that Chinese should be more commonly used for teaching in the lower classes of an Anglo-Chinese School.

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He agreed with the Headmaster's remark that a youth could not be considered properly educated if his education fell short of a cultural and moral basis as the guiding principle in life. In the world we live to-day, it was only right that we should place our full faith in the final triumph of culture and morality.

QUEEN'S ROAD CEN. SNATCHING

Sentence of six months' hard labour was imposed on Pun Yip, 20, by Mr. R. Edwards this morning, for snatching a handbag from Mrs. Coelho, of No. 71, Chun Yeung Street, yesterday.

Mrs. Coelho was walking in Queen's Road Central, when defendant snatched her bag from behind. He was caught after a long chase.

Charged with a similar offence, Mui Kwong-tai, was sentenced to four months' hard labour by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C.

DANGEROUS DRIVING

Chan Chung-tong was fined \$15 by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, for driving in a dangerous manner in Causeway Road.

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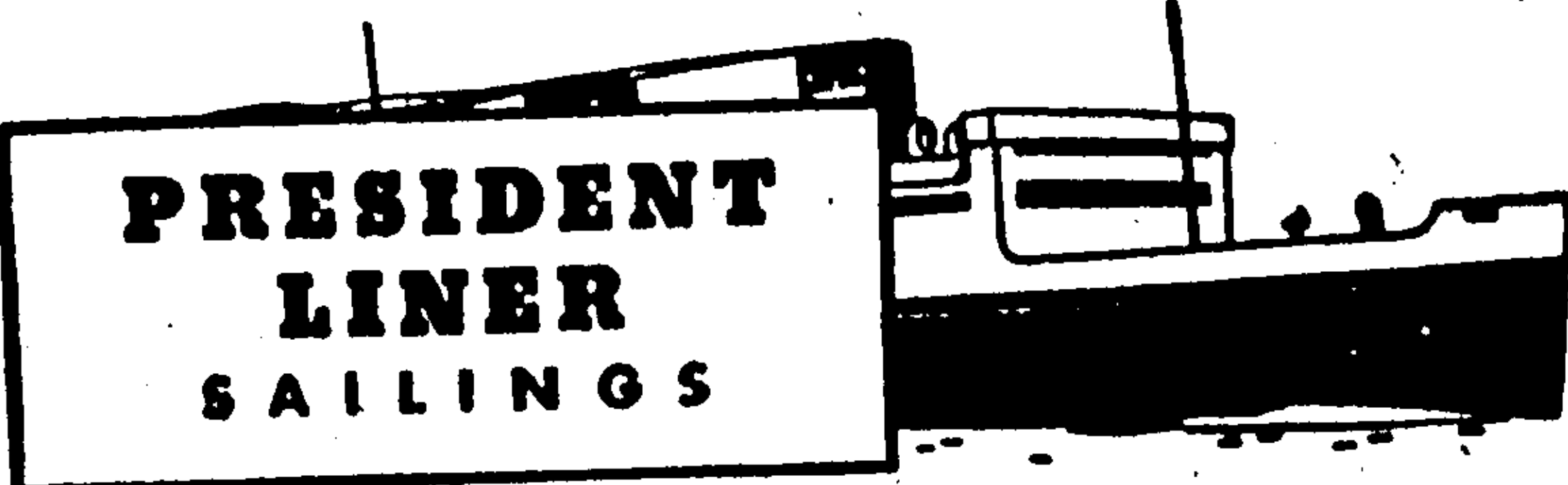
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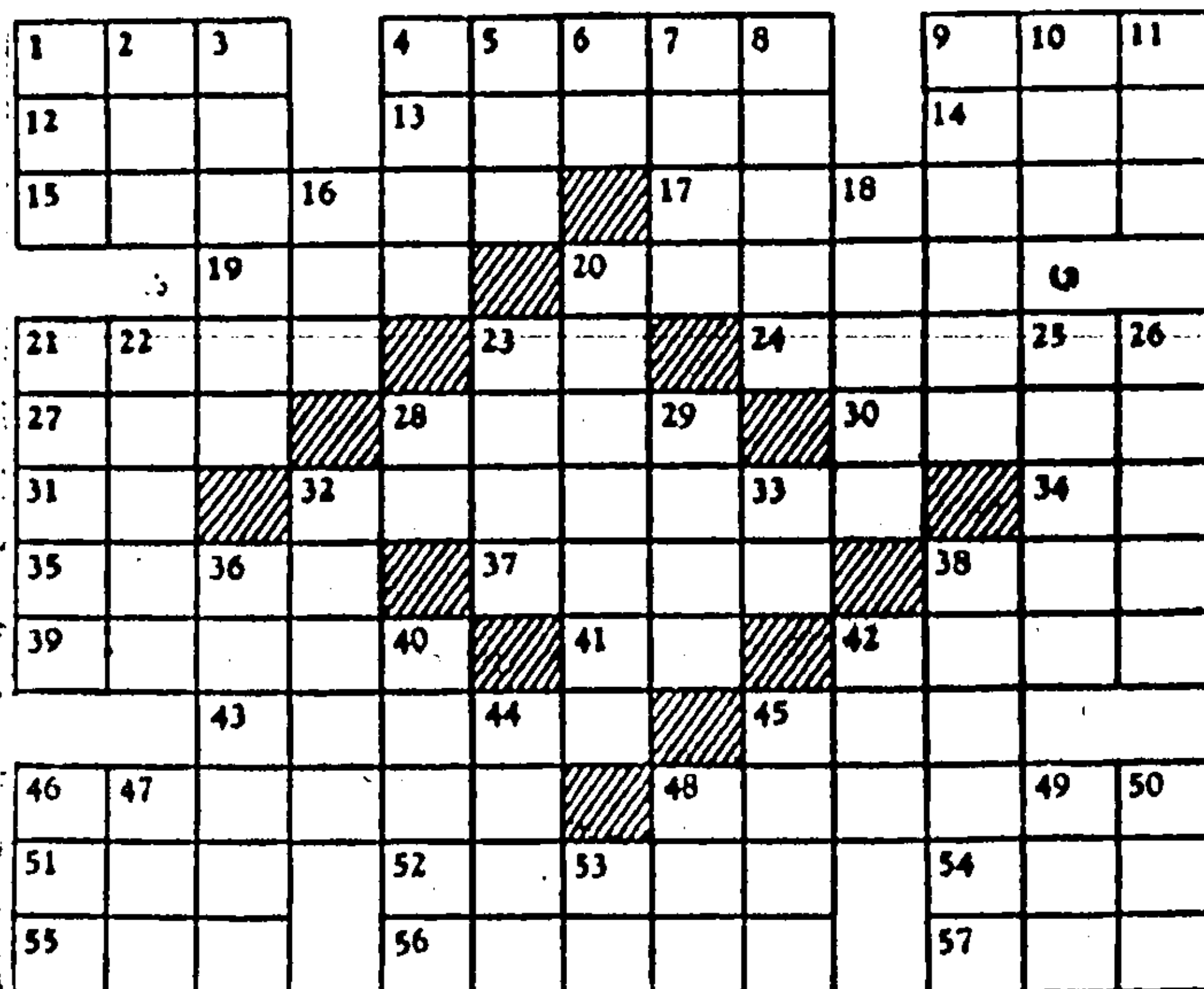
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- 15 Third zodiac sign
- 17 Consecrated by vow
- 19 Sacred chest
- 20 Carpenter's joint
- 21 Kind of meat
- 23 Conjunction
- 24 To enroll
- 27 Sea bird
- 28 Tree of Java
- 30 Italian town
- 31 Pronoun
- 32 Unique
- 34 Part of "to be"
- 35 Cozy abode
- 37 Sediment
- 38 Simian
- 39 Military unit
- 41 Not any
- 42 Payments
- 43 Performing
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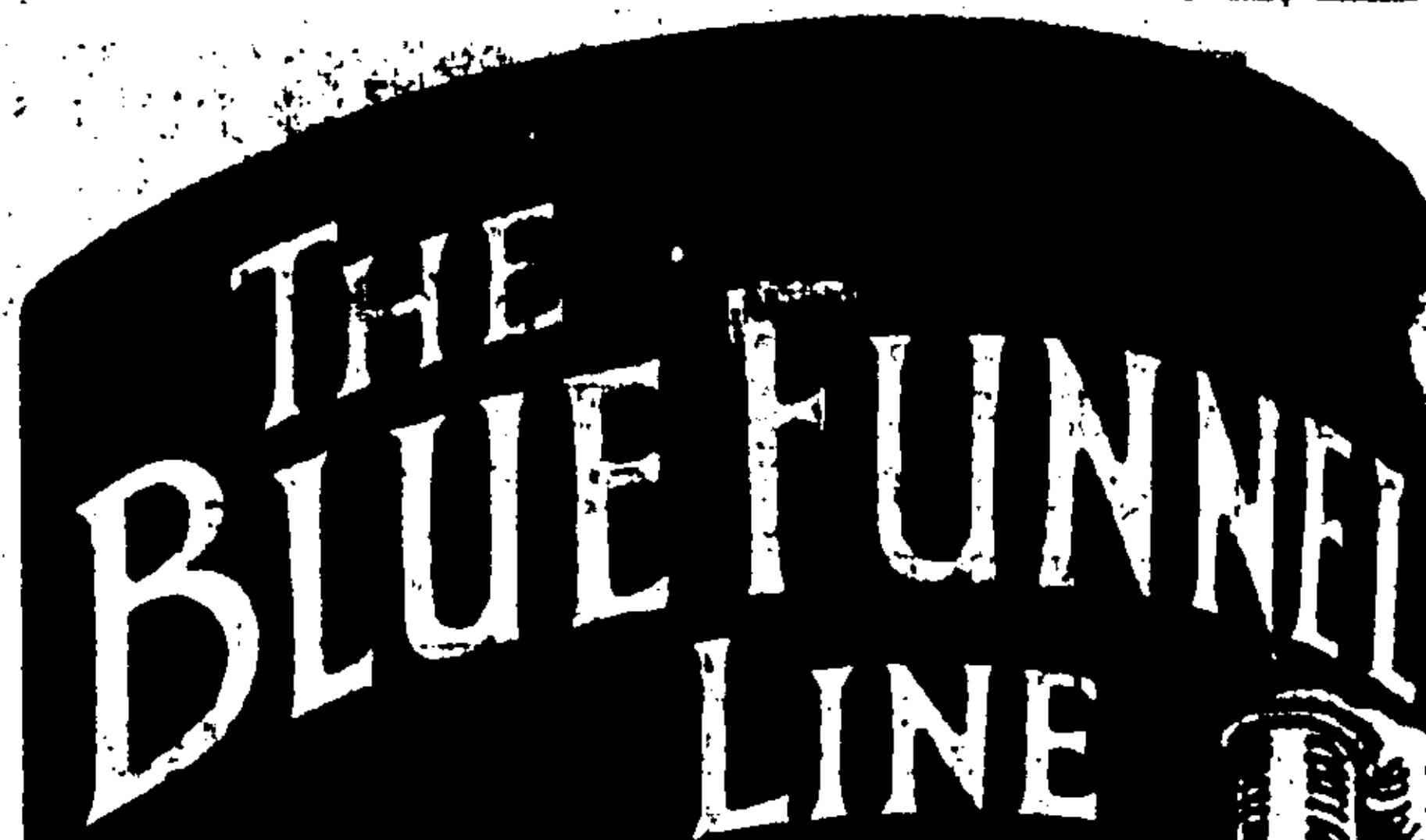
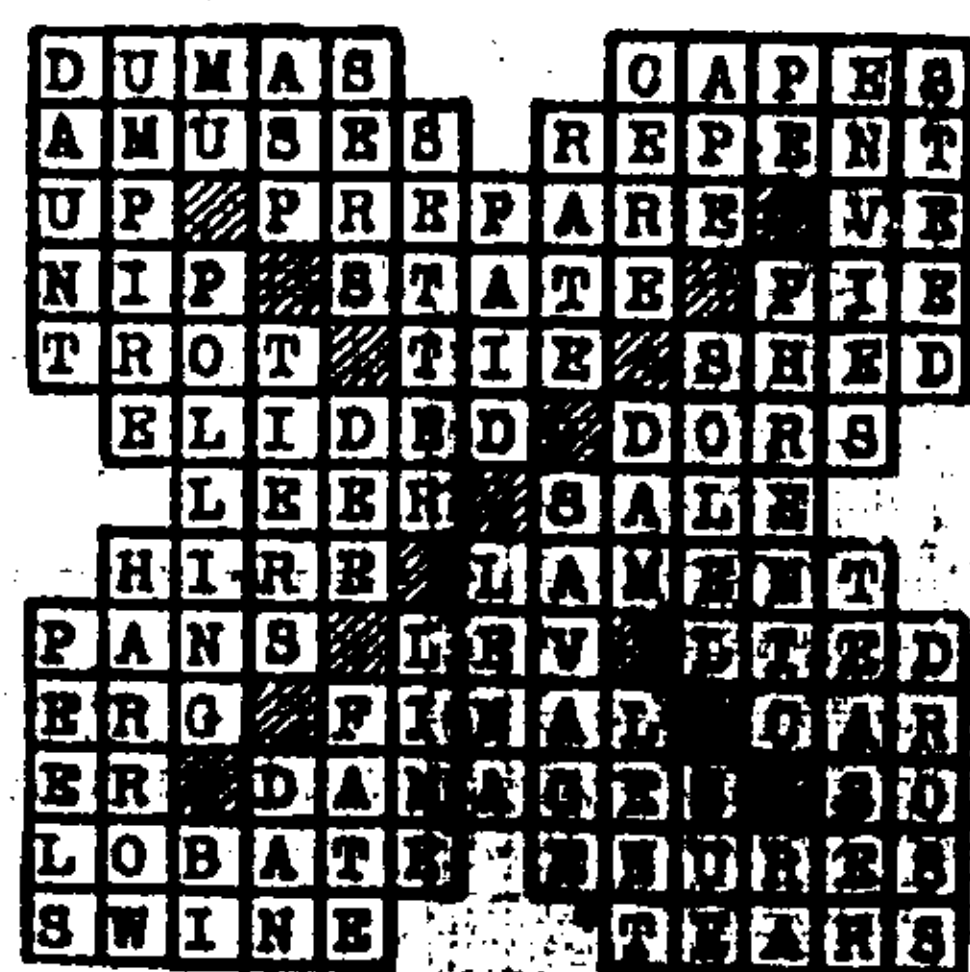
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- 1 Small boat
- 2 War flier
- 3 To note
- 4 Kind of fur
- 5 Early Caliph
- 6 Note of scale
- 7 Roof edge
- 8 Scottish cake
- 9 Leans

VERTICAL

- 10 Manner
- 11 Algerian ruler
- 16 To annoy
- 18 Pertaining to sound
- 20 Copy
- 21 To colour
- 22 External
- 23 Poetic: uncloses
- 25 Russian storehouse
- 26 Frosts
- 28 Aloft
- 29 Fodder pit
- 32 Tolerated
- 33 Preposition
- 36 Soaked with moisture
- 38 Like gold
- 40 Pellets
- 42 Colour
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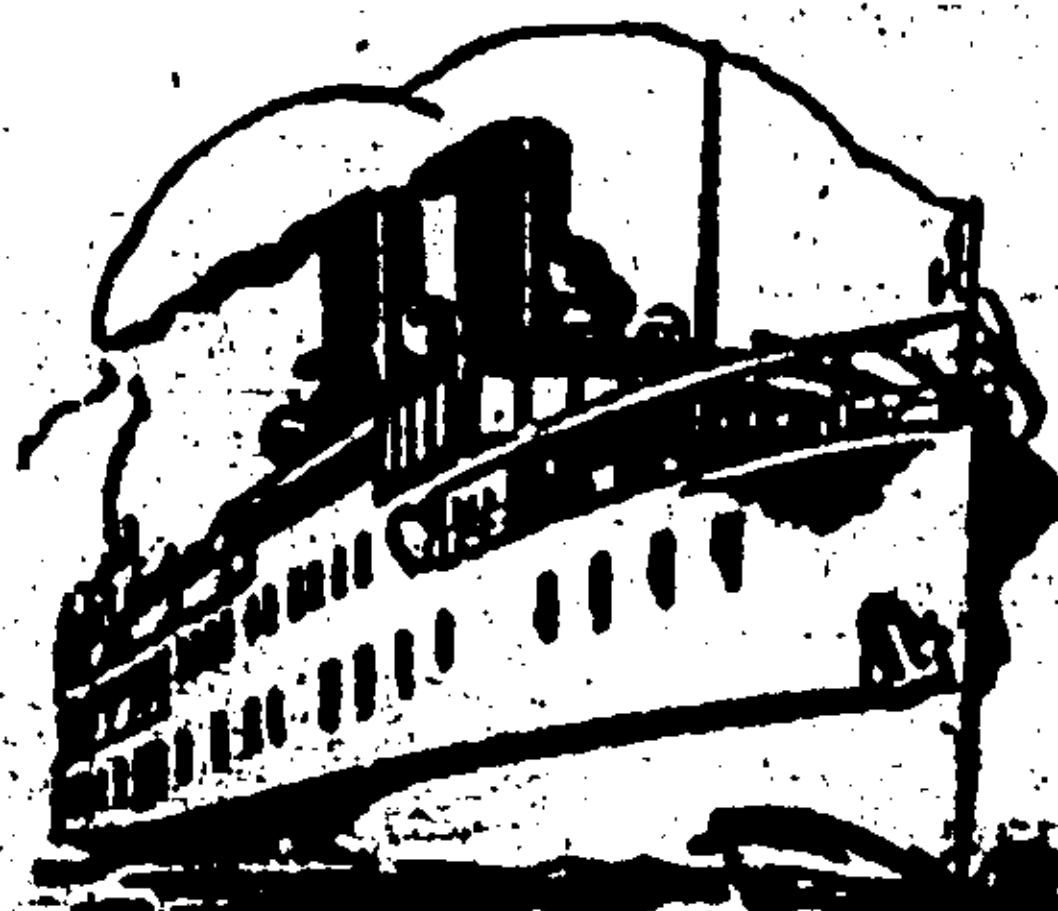
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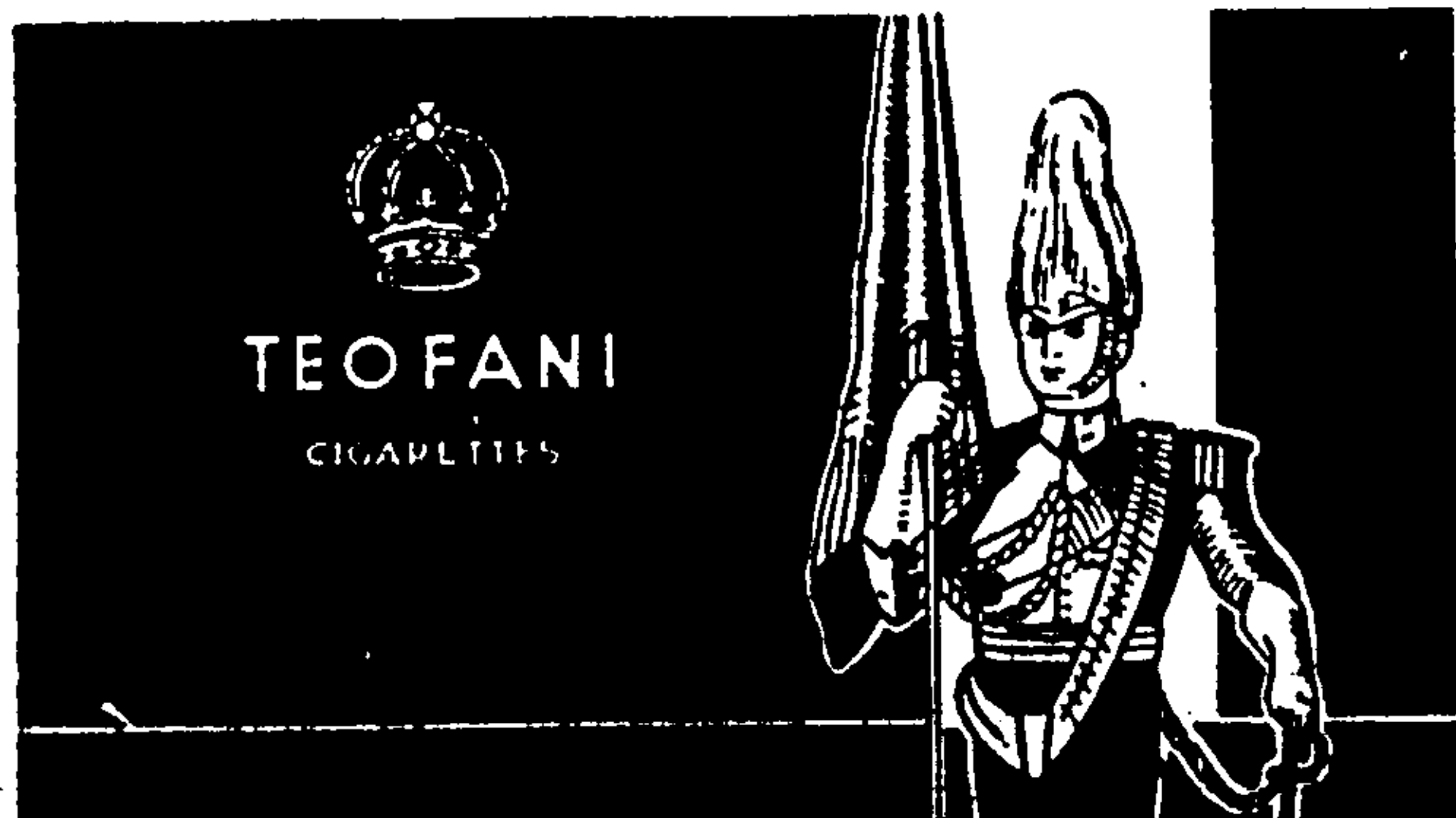
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housing that you see around you now. Queen's has borne an honoured name in these crusades in the past, (e.g. Sun Yat Sen), and I hope she will bear an even more worthy one in the future.

I think I have said enough on a serious strain. I should like to be more cheerful but it is difficult because I don't suppose I shall address you again in an official capacity. This, I am afraid, will be my formal farewell of Queen's. I arrived here, in this building, 30 years ago this month, a long stretch in a man's life. I won't say any more except good-bye, or rather, au revoir, for with Mr. O'Connor's permission I shall certainly come up and see you sometimes before I finally leave Hong Kong. And, after that, long before I reach the allotted span of life, I hope to hear of a flourishing new Queen's College, to the official opening of which I hope, and expect, to receive a free invitation from Government!

The following prizes and scholarships were then awarded:—

Scholarship, 1939:—Senior Morrison Scholarship—Ng Shun Keung. Intermediate—Leung Chiu Man. Class 2—Hukam Singh. Class 3—Wong Yue Shing. Junior—Fung Yue Keung. Wright—Chow Shing Cho. Ho Tung—Lam Sul Kwan. Ho Kom Tong—Chow Nai Yeung. Ho Fook—Ngai Kwong To. Alfred May—Leung Sul Wing. Senior Bellios—Cheung Wing In. Junior Bellios—O Ho Yung. Lee Hy San—So Sze Shing. Grant—Cheung Kok Man. Kong Ki Fai—Yu Chun Kuen. Tsui Kung Po—Kwok Wai Shing. Lugard—Yam Ying Hung. Ho Wing—Chow Pui Ching. Ho Ju—Leung Kang Ying. Ho Kwong—Lau Wing Cheuk. Dealy—Chan Chu Chiu. Ralphs—Wong To Shing. Ng In—Wong Che Yeung. Tsang Chung—Yeung Kwong Shiu. Junior Stewart—So Ming Nam. Sheung Hing—Wong Cho Tsui. Woo Hay Tong Scholarships:—Class 5 to Class 4—Mak Yiu Ho. Class 6 to Class 5—Chow Shing Tak. Class 7 to Class 6—Kwok Tai Fai. Class 8 to Class 7—Wong Kam Hung.

Government Free Scholarships (16) for 1 year (Class 1):—Hukam Singh, So Sze Shing, Lam Sul Kwan, Chow Nai Yeung, Hui Po Lam, Ho Ki Tai, R. M. Arab, Lam Chung Pak, Tam Ting Kon, Tsui Sze Yuen, Li Shiu Sing, Chak Yu Sum, Liang Shau Hong, Chau Tin Cheuk, So Ki Kai and Wong Siu Po.

Government Free Scholarships (4) for 2 years (Class 3 and Class 2):—Yeung Sit Lai, Yeung Chap Lai, Ng Kwok Cheung and Lo Sik Sun.

Government Free Scholarships (4) for 1 year:—Class 5 to Class 4—Ng Shun Ngai. Class 6 to 5—Ng Shun Cheung. Class 7 to 6—Woo Tat Foo. Class 8 to 7—Leung Tong Wai.

SPECIAL PRIZES—1939

"Ralphs" Head Prefect Medal—Ng Shun Keung.

Machell Memorial Prize—Naranjan Singh. Woo Lai Woon Translation Prizes:—C. to E.—Classes 1 and 2—Chow Shing Cho. Class 3—Ngai Kwong To. Classes 4 and 5—Ng Kwok Cheung.

E. to C.—Classes 1 and 2—Tsui Sze Yuen. Class 3—O Ho Yung. Classes 4 and 5—Fung Yue Keung.

Special Chinese Prizes:—Classes 1 to 4—1st—Nui Po Lam. 2nd—Wong Yue Shing. Classes 5 to 8—1st—Chow Pui Ching—2nd—Tam Po Shu.

Urdu Prizes. Class 1—Naranjan Singh. Class 2—Hukam Singh. Class 3—Gopal Singh.

English Class Prizes—1939:—1. Li Shing Ngai; 2A, Hui Po Lam; 2B, Leung Po In; 2C, Ip Ping Sun; 3A, Wong Kam Cheung; 3B, Chow Nai Tsang; 3C, Wong Chun Yiu; 4A, Wong Wai Pat; 4B, Ng Shiu Man; 5A, Tam Po Shu; 5B, Li Ting Sai; 6A, Tam Ying Kit; 6B, Ng Chung Ju; 7A, Ho Sik Kee; 7B, Yu Yiu Ki; 7C, Cheng Ping Woon; 8A, Tam Yip Chi; 8B, Chan Po Lam; and 8C, Chau Kam Hing.

Chinese Class Prizes—1939:—1. Luk Shiu Ying; 2A, Tsui Sze Yuen; 2B, Chak Yu Shum; 2C, Ip Ping Sun; 3A, Wong Kam Cheung; 3B, Lau Wing On; 3C, Lo Kwok Chung; 4A, Lai Chi Shing; 4B, Yung Wan Kung; 5A, Cheung Tat Man; 5B, Yeung Sun Chuen; 6A, Ng Che Yui; 6B, Chan Luk King; 7A, Ip Yu Chun; 7B, Ng Sun Pui; 7C, Ng Hoi Chung; 8A, Lo Kwok Fai; 8B, Yung Wing Tai; and 8C, Tsui Sze Kwo.

LOCAL SHARES

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations to-day:

BANKS

Hong Kong Bank \$1380 b., \$1380 sa.

INSURANCE

Canton Ins. \$212½ b.

China Underwriters \$1¼ s.

H.K. Fire Ins. \$180 b.

SHIPPING

Douglases \$100 b.

DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS,

ETC.

H.K. Docks \$21.20 b., \$21 sa.

Providents \$4½ b.

LANDS, HOTELS & BLDGS.

H.K. and S. Hotels \$5.10 b.

H.K. Lands \$33½ b.

PUBLIC UTILITIES

H.K. Tramways \$17.60 b.

Yaumati Ferries \$24½ b.

Macao Electrics \$20½ sa.

Telephones (Old) \$24 b.

INDUSTRIALS

Cements \$18.60 b., \$18½ sa.

H.K. Ropes \$6 s.

STORES, &C.

Dairy Farms (Old) \$21½ b., \$22 sa.

Dairy Farms (New) \$20¾ b.

Watsons \$9 b.

MISCELLANEOUS

Entertainments \$6.90 b.

H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 100 s., ex. int.

MANILA SHARES

Antamoks Ps. .18 sa.

Atoks Ps. .18½ b.

Bagulo Gold Ps. .23 sa.

Batong Buhay Ps. .013 b.

Benguet Consol. Ps. 5.50 b.

Big Wedge Ps. .20 b.

Coco Grove Ps. .14 b.

Consol. Mines—Ps. .004 sa.

Demonstrations Ps. .13 sa.

East Mindanao Ps. .10 sa.

I.X.L. Ps. .39 b.

Ipo Gold Ps. .12½ b.

Itogons Ps. .26 sa.

Masbates Ps. .11½ b.

Mind. Mother Lode Ps. .09½ sa.

Mine Operation Ps. .10½ b.

North Camarines Ps. .11 sa.

Paracale Gumaus Ps. .22½ sa.

San Mauricio Ps. .82 sa.

Surigao Consol. Ps. .17½ b.

Suyoc Consol. Ps. .13 b.

Syndicate Inv. Ps. .025 b.

United Paracales Ps. .30½ sa.

STRANGLED BY MACHINERY

An extraordinary accident in a dairy caused the death of Miss Elise Wilson, of Ballynure, Co. Antrim.

She was washing up after churning when water leaking into the troughs set the machinery in motion. Miss Wilson was caught up by her clothing, which twisted round her neck and strangled her.

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THE BLACK TRUNK AT CHARING CROSS

One of the most perplexing mysteries ever handled by Scotland Yard came with the discovery that a black trunk which had been checked at Charing Cross Railway Station in London on May 10, 1927, contained the dismembered body of a woman.

Chief Inspector George Cornish was put on the job, but before he finished half the force was helping in one way or another and many hundreds of persons were questioned.

The trunk had the letter "A" on each end and a sticker label on the inside read "F. Austin to St. Lenards." Bloodstained clothing was marked "P. Holt" and there were laundry marks of "447" and "581."

The three first steps taken were to:

1. Have pictures of the trunk printed in all of the newspapers.

2. Investigate all shops selling second-hand trunks.

3. Interview all taxi and bus drivers in and around Charing Cross.

The clothing was traced to a family named Holt. Mrs. Holt identified the body as that of a woman who had

he had sold to a man. By rare luck a bootblack picked up a cloak-room ticket in the street which proved to be the very one that had been issued for the black trunk.

The biggest clue came with the finding of a bus conductor who had helped a man to get an empty trunk off his bus at Rochester Road the day before it had been checked at Charing Cross. There was a row of business houses there. Scotland Yard men fairly swarmed through these buildings and they finally found a janitor who had seen a black trunk standing outside the real estate office of John Robinson.

Sergeant Clarke searched the office minutely and amid the rubbish in a waste basket he found a discoloured match stick. Nothing could have seemed less important. But examined by a chemist at the yard it was proven that it was blood stained.

In the meantime a linen duster had been found in the fatal trunk. When cleaned it showed the word "Greyhound." There was a hotel by that name in town. Inquiry proved that Robinson had once worked there as a bartender. Later a typist was located who had worked for Robinson. She testified that she had seen the duster in his office.



MATCHING THE EVIDENCE

He was arrested, taken to the Yard, and confronted with the evidence. After some sparring he confessed that he had met the woman in the street, had taken her to his office. During a quarrel he had hit her and she fell down, striking her head on a chair. Finding her dead he was panic-stricken and then conceived the idea of carving up the body, thrusting it in the black trunk and checking it at Charing Cross.

All of this sounds simple enough, but the task of putting all of the pieces together and completing the picture involved many days of dogged labour on the part of many men. Each bit of evidence fit in perfectly with the other and in the end the carving knife with which the dis-

memberment was made was found buried under a tree on Clapham Common.

The work of covering up all traces of his crime had meant much patient planning on the part of the super criminal. But he had overlooked one tiny thing and that was the discoloured match stick which he had carelessly thrown into the waste basket in the corner of his office. It was this, aided by the brains of Scotland Yard, that sent John Robinson to the gallows.



NOTICE

Hong Kong Water Supply.

It is hereby notified that a constant supply of water will be given in all districts from 5.00 a.m. on February 6th. to 12.00 p.m. on February 8th., in connection with the Chinese New Year Festival.

A. B. PURVES,
Water Authority.

Public Works Department,
Hong Kong, 1st Feb., 1940.

NATURALIZATION NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that LEO ANATHOLY BORISOFF of Police Headquarters, Hong Kong, is applying to the Governor for naturalization, and that any person who knows any reason why naturalization should not be granted should send a written and signed statement of the facts to the Colonial Secretary, Hong Kong.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on Saturday, the 3rd. February, 1940 at 11 o'clock at their Sales Room, No. 2 Connaught Road, Central, 2nd. Floor, Room No. 205.

The Undermentioned Cars:—

- 1 1930 Buick Sedan.
- 1 1934 Ford V8 Roadster.
- 1 Humber Snipe.
- 2 Morris Major Saloons.
- 2 Morris Major Tourers.
- 1 Studebaker Sedan.
- 1 1936 Terraplane Sedan.
- 1 1936 Vauxhall Saloon.
- 2 Vauxhall Saloons.
- 1 1935 Willy's "77" Saloon.
- 1 "Skoot-mo-bile" Motor Scooter.
- 1 1935 Morris "10" 4 door Saloon.
- 1 1932 Buick Sedan de luxe.
- 1 1936 Vauxhall "14" Saloon.
- 1 Fiat Coupe.

and
1 1935 Ford V. 8.

On View: On day of Sale.

Terms: Cash before delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.

Hong Kong, 31st January, 1940.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on Saturday, the 3rd February, 1940 commencing at 11.00 a.m.

at their Sales Room, No. 2 Connaught Road, Ctl. (Room No. 205, 2nd Floor).

A QUANTITY OF HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

Terms: Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.

Hong Kong, 2nd February, 1940.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on Monday, the 5th February, 1940 commencing at 11.00 a.m.

at their Sales Room, No. 2 Connaught Road, Ctl. (Room No. 205, 2nd Floor).

A QUANTITY OF MECHANICAL TOYS AND SUNDRIES.

Terms: Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.

Hong Kong, 2nd February, 1940.

By
GEORGE BARTON

worked for her as a cook under the name of Mrs. Roles. Thereupon Superintendent Hawkins and Inspector Wensley joined Detective Cornish in running out the main leads. By tracing the movements of "Mrs. Roles" and contacting persons who had known her it was found that her real name was Minnie Bonati and that she had been married to an Italian waiter from whom she had separated.

TRACING A TRUNK

Eventually a second-hand dealer in Brixton recognised the trunk as one

FRICTIONS LIKELY TO CONTINUE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.

DIPLOMATS CONSIDER THAT the Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr. Arita's speech has brought nothing new and merely outlines the Japanese foreign policy which is identical with that pursued by the previous Cabinet. The general belief here is that Japan will be compelled to maintain her military occupation of China for many months, hence frictions between the Japanese authorities and foreigners are expected to continue.

Havas reports from Tokyo that the general opinion is that Admiral Yonai's Cabinet is having an easier time with both Houses.

The Minseito Party has decided to openly support the Cabinet while the Seyukai has seemingly adopted a favourable wait-and-see attitude.

Parliamentary opposition is expected to come only from the minor parties of which the most important is the pro-Fascist Tohokai Party which violently opposed any pro-British or pro-American policy.

Meanwhile, Admiral Yonai's policy will be centred around three main points, namely, disposal of the China Incident, adjustment of international relations, and improvement of the economic situation.

Financial circles, especially, are anxious that the new order, presided over by Wang Ching-wei, should become a paying proposition.

ABE'S PRINCIPLE

As regards international relations the Cabinet, apparently, intends to follow General Abe's principle of "autonomous diplomacy," meaning now a "fifty-fifty basis," that is, the possibility of a compromise with Britain and America and, at the same time, launching a new form of pro-German policy through rapprochement with the Soviet acting as the go-between for Tokyo and Berlin.

As regards the domestic and, especially, the economic situation, no definite programme is seen but the Army apparently wishes to closely participate in this, although, as yet, it has made no suggestions. — Havas.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2-13/16.

Silver was quoted at 21-3/4 spot and 21-11/16 forward.

The London on New York rate was quoted at 2-U.S.\$4.025 and the New York on London rate at 2-U.S.\$4.07-1/8.

THE CIRCUS

A large crowd of Chinese and foreigners witnessed the opening of Isako's Grand Olympic Circus at Mong Kok last night, when several new items was performed.

The "Human Cannon-Ball" act, in which a man is fired from a huge cannon, landed safely on a net.

Among the acrobatic thrills, the outstanding were the balancing performances of Miss Natasha on a wire-rope. They were unusually clever and received great applause from the audience.

The clowns, "Koko" and "Popoff," as usual, caused the house to rock with laughter.

There will be special matinees on Saturday and Sunday and during the Chinese New Year holidays.

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TO-MORROW
QUEEN'S & ALHAMBRA



Mrs. Enid Lo-Litton, right, and Mrs. Chiu Chun-chiu, whom she defeated 6-0, 6-1 in the final of the Colony Ladies Singles Championship.

HOCKEY

Y.M.C.A. BEAT ROYALS

(By "SPORTSHAWK")

Playing at home yesterday afternoon, Y.M.C.A. defeated Royal Scots by the odd goal in five in a friendly hockey match, after leading at the interval by 2 goals to 1.

Royal Scots had their share of attacking in both periods, but they were met by a strong defence in which Jordan was outstanding. Playing at right-back, he covered more than his territory and harassed the visiting attack to such extent that on only very few occasions was Benwell really tested.

In the forward line Taylor was always dangerous when in possession.

L/Cpl. Park, who opened the scoring for Royals, and Lt. Gibson were the only impressive soldier forwards.

"Y" equalised through Taylor and shortly after took the lead through Gemmell.

After a period of even play on the resumption, both sides scored once, through L/Cpl. Park and Taylor.

Y.M.C.A.:—Benwell (Capt.); Jordan and Perry; Smith, McLellan and Wilkin; Macey, Gemmell, Taylor, Coombe and Baldwin.

Royal Scots:—Lt. Patterson; C. S. M. Gibson and Pte. Manson; Pte. Butcher, Pte. Fowler and Pte. Duncan; Sgt. Elliot, L/Cpl. Park, Lt. Gibson, L/Bdr. Slade and Pte. Gilroy.

MCKAY SUSPENDED

At the meeting of the Emergency Committee of the Football Association last night McKay, of Royal Scots, reported for threatening a referee, was suspended from further participation in local football.

Police were awarded the points against Royal Scots in this game, which was abandoned after 50 minutes play when the referee stopped the game owing to the threatening attitude of several players.

This deprives Royal Scots of first place in the "B" section of the Second Division and the most they can now hope for is the runners-up position.

INTERPORT TEAMS LEAVE

The Colony Interport Rugby and Association Football teams left for Shanghai this morning.

Mr. W. Pryde, H.K.F.A. Council chairman, Lee Wai-tong H.K.C.A.A.F. Hon. Secretary, C. A. Goldenberg, H.K.F.A. Hon. Secretary, and J. C. Guimgan, H.K.F.A. Council member, were present to farewell the soccer players, to whom several baskets of flowers were sent, while among those who went to see the Rugby players off were D. H. Stewart, who was unfortunately injured in the last match, W. B. Richardson, who was unable to secure leave, Dr. "Jake" Selby and C. Austin, Hon. Secretary.

"We realise the difficulties encountered in sending this team North, but we will do our utmost in all our games."

"We hope to put up creditable performances," said Mr. A. V. Gosano, captain and manager of the Colony soccer Interport team.



An incident in the Lal Wah Cup game on Sunday. Cheung Wing-chol, the Chinese goalkeeper, has the ball, with B. Gosano in close attendance.

GOLF STARTING TIMES

Following are the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club starting times for Fanning this weekend:

TO-MORROW

2.00 p.m. Surg. Cdr. Nicholson, Lieut. Carter.

2.04 .. A. Sommerfelt, K. S. Morrison.

2.08 .. Comdr. Holt, Comdr. Lees.

2.12 .. A. H. McBride, A. W. Hodges.

SUNDAY

9.16 a.m. J. S. Dunnett, A. M. Kennedy.

9.20 .. R. C. Gairdner, G. G. Aitkenhead.

9.24 .. G. Haynes, C. F. Marshall.

9.28 .. H. A. Mills, H. J. D. Lowe.

9.32 .. E. P. Streatfield, I. H. C. Ilghet.

9.36 .. H. N. Williamson, J. C. Taylor.

9.40 .. J. W. Mayhew, W. Hewitt.

9.44 .. N. K. Littlejohn, A. H. McBride.

9.48 .. W. A. Stewart, W. L. Alexander.

9.52 .. D. H. Clark, L. Jackson.

9.56 .. J. B. Harrison, L. A. R. Duncan.

10.00 .. C. W. Jeffries, Comdr. Hole.

10.04 .. H. B. Williamson, E. G. Price.

10.08 .. S. H. Dodwell, A. B. Purves.

10.12 .. A. T. Lay, A. C. Meredith.

10.16 .. R. Young, A. E. Lissaman.

10.20 .. F. Groves, F. D. Hunter.

10.24 .. C. R. Mallory, H. F. Sommers.

10.28 .. J. Harrop, T. Low.

10.32 .. T. E. Pearce, G. P. Murphy.

10.36 .. A. N. and Q. A. A. Macfadyen.

10.40 .. A. S. Mackichan, W/Cdr. Steele Perkins.

10.44 .. J. M. Gray, M. L. Reidy.

10.48 .. W. B. Richardson, J. W. Anderson.

10.52 .. P. S. Delany, E. T. McMullen.

10.56 .. G. C. Worrall, D. Humphreys.

11.00 .. H. Overy, W. J. E. Mackenzie.

11.04 .. A. Mabb, R. M. King.

11.08 .. R. H. Gregory, A. D. Humphreys.

11.12 .. M. S. Banner, E. A. Bompas.

11.16 .. M. A. Johnson, W. Woodward.

11.20 .. M. H. Turner, C. C. Black.

11.24 .. A. D. S. Murray, E. J. Faggiano.

11.28 .. P. E. Annis, H. H. Mundy.

New Course

9.20 a.m. D. J. Gilmore*, K. S. Morrison*.

9.28 .. J. Linaker*, J. J. von Muhlin*.

9.36 .. J. M. Pearson*, G. Thomerson*.

9.44 .. H. F. Phillips, J. R. Collis.

9.52 .. Mrs. Dennis, Miss Glendinning.

10.00 .. G. M. Park*, M. Pollock*.

FOOTBALL PROBLEMS

The following football problems will be discussed at the monthly meeting of Hong Kong Football Referees' Association on Monday next in the Football Association's offices at 8 p.m.

A player has been hurt and has been allowed to leave the field of play for treatment. After treatment this player waits near the goal-post for the referee's permission to enter the field of play.

The opposing centre-forward breaks through and has only the goal-keeper to beat. The player near the goal-post, rushes onto the field of play and deliberately fouls the on-coming centre-forward, inside the penalty area.

What is the decision?

A goalkeeper is in possession of the ball, and an attacking forward legitimately charges him into the net, the ball being cleared before the goalkeeper crosses the goal-line. The opposing player also falls over the goal-line into the net, where he is struck by the goalkeeper. What action should the Referee take, and how should the game be re-started? The ball was in mid-field when the incident occurred.

10.12 .. M. A. Annett*, Col. Matthews*.

10.16 .. D. S. Edward*, W. J. S. Key*.

10.24 .. I. H. and Mrs. Howell.

10.28 .. D. A. Murdoch, J. G. Jensen.

10.38 .. J. F. Robinson*, F. A. M. El-Hott*.

10.40 .. Mrs. Steele Perkins, Mrs. Mackichan.

10.48 .. Sir Vandeleur and Miss Grayburn.

10.52 .. F. B. Winter, Miss Vickers.

10.56 .. E. Grimble, Mrs. Winter.

11.00 .. Mrs. Overy, Mrs. Mackenzie.

11.08 .. G. T. Harrington*, Major Temple*.

11.16 .. Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Woodward.

11.24 .. Lt. Carter, G. Riddell-Garre.

11.28 .. F. C. Young*, W. Bastin*.

* Unsuccessful in ballot on Old Course.

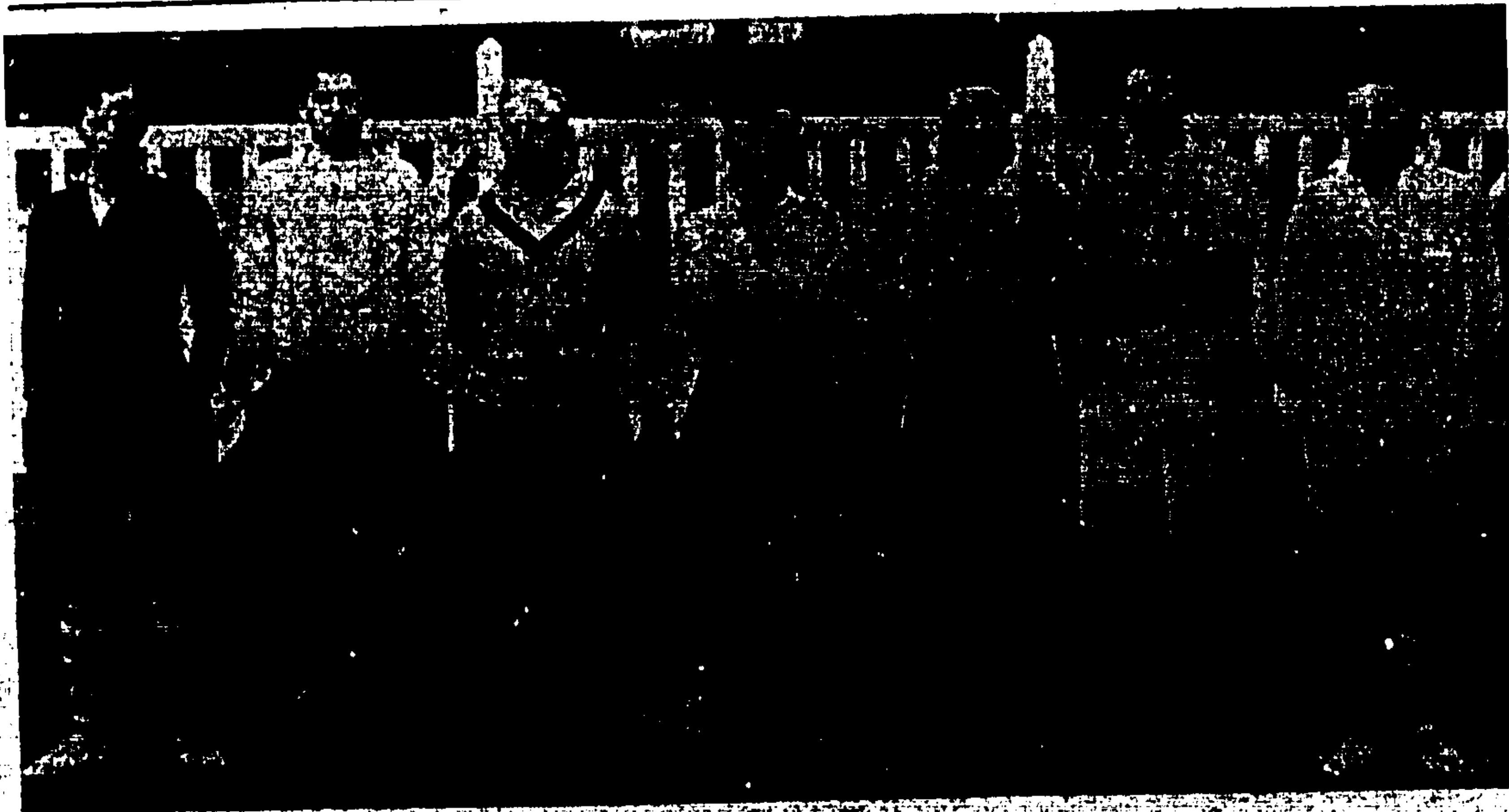
YOUNG FIVE UP

The Competition at Royal Hong Kong Golf Club in aid of the B.W.O.F., held throughout December and January and which produced \$384, resulted in a win for R. Young (8) with a fine score of 5 up over the Old Course.

Other scores were: G. C. Worrall (8) 4 up; J. T. Smith (scratch), Wg. Comdr. A. H. Steel-Perkins (16), *R. J. V. Walker (17), H. F. Phillips (10), A. H. McBride (14), *Capt. Drew-Wilkinson (15), *Lt. F. W. M. Carter (12) two up; and J. T. Smith, *H. Overy, *J. Linaker, F. M. Merritt one up.

* Played on the New Course.

Other Sport on Page 26



Members of Hong Kong's Interport Rugby fifteen photographed before their final training last Wednesday. From left to right are: K. W. Salter, hooker; A. F. Walkden, captain; and front row forward, J. Redman; wing-forward, J. R. Henderson; full-back, C. F. Needham; second row forward, J. C. Charter, centre-threequarter, and B. Hynes, second row forward. (Staff Photographer).

Colony Interport Soccer XI To Be Selected In Shanghai

GROUND CONDITIONS TO BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION

(By "REFEREE")

THE Final line-up of the soccer team to represent the Colony in the Interport in Shanghai has been left to A. V. Gosano, captain and manager of the team, and will be decided on the day of the match when ground conditions in Shanghai will be taken into account.

Following are candid sketches of the players making the trip:

Moxham.—A goalkeeper discovered by the Army selectors, has done well in all League games, and recently for the Army. Handles safely and is not afraid of meeting an oncoming forward.

A. Bone.—A back who is weak in his clearances at times but who can play a good game when he understands the tactics of his half and partner.

S. Strange.—A back who has represented the Colony many times before. Started late this season and has not played much recently. Played excellently against South China "A" and "B" and Royal Scots in the Senior League. On a heavy ground should do well.

A. J. Hussain.—Originally chosen as right-half, but not impressive in the intermediate line and better suited to full-back berth. A willing worker though slightly erratic in his clearances.

Forrow.—Really a centre-half but who has shown in the last Lal Wah Cup game and again on Wednesday that he can be of great use in the attack. Is a great trier and hard-worker.

Honniball.—A half-back or left-winger. Has developed rapidly since taking up the wing-half position. Has shown consistently good form this season and plays well on the wing.

Maxwell.—Youngster of the side, having recently left school, he has plenty of football in him. Is still inexperienced but can always be depended on to put up a good show. A willing learner.

T. Castilho.—A useful reserve, can play equally well at right-half as on the right-wing. Main fault is his tendency to trick an opponent before centring thus often allowing the opposing defence to cover up.

Fox.—The Sappers' marksman, he first played in a representative game recently, against Navy. A hard worker who can take the ball on the run and who uses his head well.

Hossack.—As a centre-forward he has improved greatly this season and has been the main danger in the Royal Scots' attack. Plays equally well on the right-wing.

A. V. Gosano.—A player at home in every position on the field and has the unique honour of being the only manager-captain of an Interport soccer side.

Guy.—A half-back "spotted" only recently, he is a natural pivot but is now adapting himself to the wing-half position.

Leonard.—A forward who is a trier but who easily gets discouraged. Has lost some of his former speed but can play a good game at back.

E. Strange.—A half-back or a forward, he seems to have lost touch with forward line play and has done well in defence recently.

McEwan.—A wing-half of the solid type and a useful reserve. Not spectacular but accomplishes his task well.

Only Three Interporters

A. V. Gosano, captain and manager, played for Hong Kong against Shanghai from 1926 to 1931. He missed the 1932 game as he went to Manila with

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The Soccer Interport team which was beaten by Combined Chinese by three clear goals at Caroline Hill last Wednesday. From left to right they are: Forrow, Guy, Moxham, Hussain, Bone, E. Strange; (front row) —Castilho, Leonard, Hossack, A. V. Gosano and Honniball. Other members of the team not in the picture are McEwan, S. Strange, Fox and Maxwell. (Staff Photographer).

4 OF SAIGON TEAM HAVE PLAYED HERE BEFORE

OFFICIALS FOR THE HOLIDAY FOOTBALL CARNIVAL

The following have been chosen to officiate at the Interport games during the Chinese New Year holidays:

Hong Kong v Saigon.
Referee:—Stokes.
Linesmen:—Beard and Foster.
Eastern v Saigon.
Referee:—K. K. Ip.
Linesmen:—Silva and Glover.
Chinese United Federation v Services
(Charity game in aid of Chinese Athletes Fund for wounded and the B.W.O.F.)
Referee:—Omar.
Linesmen:—Rev. Hinchcliffe & Ford.
South China v Saigon.
Referee:—Mitchell.
Linesmen:—Clark & Minnihan.

Following is the Saigon team which will meet the Colony football teams during the Chinese New Year holidays:—Tai, Au and Coren; Ven, Pacini and Bul; Grichard, Dai, Tot, Tien and Hou.

Reserves:—Hgay, Long, Nga, Bachi and Quga.

Manager:—Mr. Baurain.

Of the above the following four players were seen locally on their last visit under the auspices of the South China Athletic Association in May, 1939, Tai, Pacini, Bul, and Bachi.

Bul, it will be recalled, played in the pivotal position on that occasion.

SAIGON WIN 12 OF 18 MATCHES

Following are the results of representative games played by Saigon since May, 1938:

1938	
IN HONG KONG	
drew with South China	1-1
beat Hong Kong	4-0
beat Royal Navy	6-2
beat Army	3-0
lost to South China	2-3
IN MANILA	
beat La Salle	4-0
lost to Y.C.O.	3-4
beat Le Trang	2-1
lost to Y.C.O.	4-2
beat La Salle	5-1
beat Le Trang	4-0
drew with P.A.A.F.	2-2
1939	
AT SAIGON	
beat South China	3-1
beat South China	2-1
beat Eastern	9-1
lost to Singapore	3-7
beat Singapore	4-1
beat South China	5-3

SOUTH CHINA POSSIBLES

South China Athletic Association's team against Saigon will be chosen from the following:

Cheung Wing-choi; Hau Yung-sang, Mak Shui-hon and Lee Ting-sang; Kwok Ying-kee, Leung Wing-chui, Soong Ling-sing and Lau Chung-sang; Yeung Shui-yick; Tang Kwong-sum, Fung King-cheong, Lee Wai-tong, Lai Shui-wing, Ip Pak-wah and Lee Shek-yau.

Cheung Yung-sang, Cheung Kam-hoi, Tsui Ah-fai, Ng Kee-chong and Hau Ching-to.

Team Manager:—Tsui Hing.

St. Joseph's and again played in 1933 to 1937.

He contemplated retiring from football in 1938 and was actually out of soccer for a year but returned the following season and was twice chosen to play against Manila last year.

D. Leonard played for Hong Kong in the last Interport in Shanghai, in 1936, and was reserve in 1934.

S. Strange played for Hong Kong in 1931, 1932 and 1934 and was assistant manager in 1936.

Hong Kong Win Only Twice In Shanghai

Following are the results of previous matches played in Shanghai:

1924 Shanghai won	1-0
1926 Shanghai won	5-4
1928 Shanghai won	7-0
1930 Shanghai won	5-2
1932 Hong Kong won	4-3
1934 Shanghai won	6-2
1936 Hong Kong won	3-2

† Replay after a drawn game of three goals each.

‡ Played in November.

Summary Of Results

	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.
Hong Kong	17	7	10	44	47
Shanghai	17	10	7	47	44

EASTERN'S LINE-UP

Following have been chosen to represent Eastern Athletic Association against Saigon:

Lau Hing-hon; Kong Seng-king and Tsang Chung-wan; Lau Tse-chen; Hsu King-seng and Lo Wai-kuen;



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F. P. Hollis, of U.S.S. Mindanao, has finished up the month of January by keeping his Ten Pins record of 252 which he made on January 1, but there is no doubt that it was a very close "shave" for him when Private R. H. Tidd, of R.A.M.C., chalked up 248. It was truly a great effort, his bag being as follows:—a spare, strike spare, a miss on the fourth frame to make 9, and then striking out (8 strikes in a row).

Had he registered a strike in his fourth frame instead of a miss, he would not only have beaten Hollis's 252 but would have beaten the Alleys' record of 269, made by J. T. Sheehan of Mindanao in November last.

Tidd's finishing up with eight strikes was well worth witnessing; all were clean cut, and had no element of loss about them.

To-day's Semi-Final

THE Semi-Final of the Singles Handicap Competition between M. F. L. Haymes and R. H. Tidd will be played off to-day at 5.30 p.m., and in my opinion it will be a very close match.

Haymes's handicap is plus 25 while Tidd is plus 17, therefore as it is a five game match Tidd is actually conceding to Haymes eight pins per game or 40 pins in all.

J. H. Watts, of Royal Signals, is the other semi-finalist, and the date for the Final will be announced at an early date.

BOWLING ALLEYS

By "STRIKE"

North Holds Record

TO all those bowlers who have shown interest throughout this competition, it will no doubt be interesting to



HOLLIS

know, that although many games have been played there were actually only four scores of 200 or over registered up to time of writing these notes.

Doc Molthen registered three of them and George North one, and these were made as follows:—

November 30, 1939.	Doc. Molthen	200
First Round	Doc. Molthen	200
Second Round	George North	230
January 2, 1940.	Doc. Molthen	205
Third Round	Doc. Molthen	225
Fourth Round	Doc. Molthen	225

George North therefore has the highest score up to the present.

Odds And Ends

TO-DAY there will be a three game match (Ten Pins) between a team from Royal Navy and Royal Signals, and this should prove really enjoyable.

In the near future, there will be a five game Duck Pins match of unusual interest, as I am arranging for four of our best lady bowlers to meet four gentlemen. The four ladies I have in mind will give the gentlemen's team a very close game; and may even beat them.

We have our old friends U.S.S. Asheville back in port, and opportunity will be taken to arrange a

match or two of Duck Pins and Ten Pins while they are with us.

I understand that our old friend Earl Harker will be back in the Colony in a day or two, and there is no doubt that veteran bowler as he is, he will soon be in harness again and treating us to some good bowling. All his old friends in the Alleys trust that he had had an enjoyable time at home.

Owing to Volunteer duties, camping etc., it has been decided to hold the "Ewo" League tournament over for the time being.

BADMINTON

RECREIO TO MEET ST. JOHN'S

Only one match in the Mixed Double Badminton League is scheduled to be played off to-night, that between Recreio "B" and St. John's, the match between Recreio "A" and Talkoo having been postponed.

Following are the teams:

RECREIO "B"—N. Beltrao and Miss S. Remedios; H. Gonsalves and Miss M. Xavier; C. C. Pereira and Miss M. Silva. ST. JOHN'S—Mrs. P. Wilson and D. Kwok; Miss D. Eardley and H. Eardley; Mrs. Strange and F. H. Kwok.

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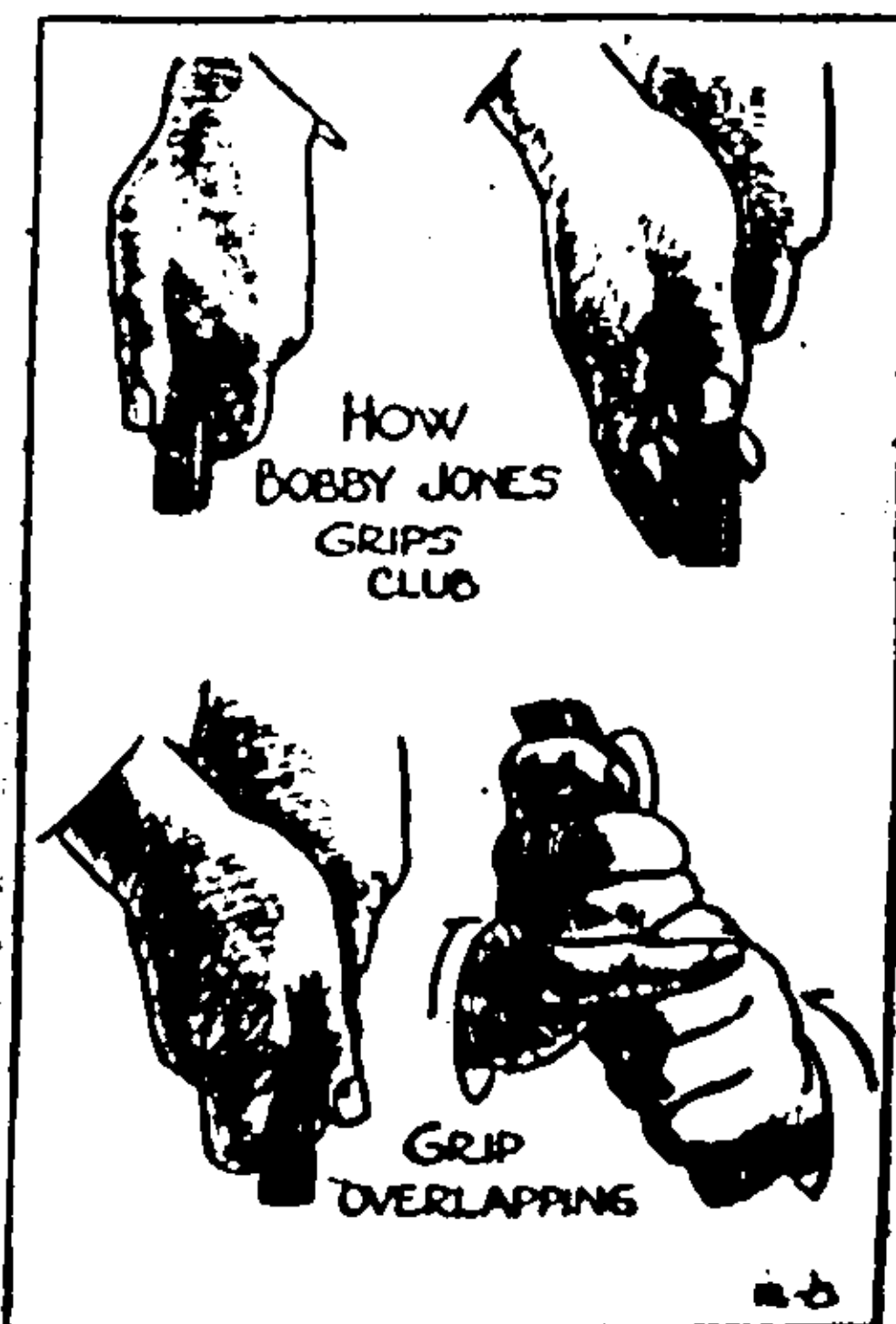
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THE GRIP

BY BEST BALL

HERE'S one golf feature one can practice no matter what the weather. That is the GRIP as exemplified by Bobby Jones. While this phase of golf has been stressed a great deal, little is done about it during the winter when it would seem the time is most propitious for improvement. I don't mean the carrying of a rubber ball about and consequently squeezing it so many times per minute but rather an analytical approach to a grip so that you realize just why you take hold of the shaft in the manner you do. Furthermore, once this mystery has been cleared up, a regime of practice in grasping the club that will make this part of the game second nature.

Bobby Jones, for instance at left first grasps the shaft with the left hand in the manner indicated. With two of the left knuckles showing, he is in the best position possible to gain speed, power and accuracy in the downswing with this member. The right hand takes its position with the little finger overlapping the forefinger of the left. Of importance here is the palm, which should take a position on the leather, so that if opened it would point toward the hole. The overlapping grip is the most popular of all among the first flight golfers.

To-morrow — Where To Let The Chips Fall.

BRAWN CUP TEAMS FOR SATURDAY

The Caer Clark Cup match between Central British Association and Recreio Ladies, scheduled for to-morrow, has been postponed.

Following are some of the Brawn Cup teams for to-morrow:

RECREIO L.—Miss C. Silva; Miss E. Rosario and Miss M. Ribeiro; Mrs. B. Castro, Miss N. Osmund and Miss M. Carvalho; Miss L. Rodrigues, Miss M. Figueiredo, Miss M. Campos, Miss N. Gonsalves and Miss I. Rosario.

ST. ANDREW'S L.—Miss H. Millington; Mrs. A. Hamson and Miss G. Darby; Miss P. Jeffreys, Miss S. Arnold and Miss Doughty; Miss E. Banker, Miss I. Hicks, Miss B. Longbottom, Miss H. May and Miss J. Jex.

C.B.S.—Miss P. Loseby; Miss S. Gehring and Miss J. Tinson; Miss S. Burrough, Miss J. Bonney and Miss B. Rickwood; Miss K. Grant, Miss J. Stokes, Miss M. McFarlane, Miss E. Rousseau and Miss P. Beraha.

HOCKEY CLUB TEAM

Following will represent Hong Kong Hockey Club "A" versus 8th Heavy Regiment R.A. 2nd XI on the Club ground on Monday, February 5th, at 5 p.m.—H. W. Brown; W. G. Schnabel and J. W. Pennington; R. A. Bates (Capt.), H. J. D. Lowe and J. V. Sto-

DUNBAR STABLE MAKE BOLD BID FOR HONOUR LAST WON IN 1932

(By "RAPIER")

THE 1940 ANNUAL RACING CARNIVAL will commence at the Valley on Saturday, February 17, and there is every indication that it will be just as successful as any of its predecessors, despite the regrettable absence of new subscription griffins. Due to prevailing unsettled conditions in North China, dealers have experienced difficulty in meeting the requirements of Hong Kong Jockey Club as far as the subscription griffins are concerned, and the result has been that they will not be seen in action this year.

There is no doubt that the subscription and it does not appear to me to have the necessary stamina to last out the Derby distance. Up to a mile it should prove dangerous. Palber and Grether are the next best, and either one of them will represent this stable in the Derby; unless Charlesber responds more quickly to training.

KONG BROS. STABLE

Kong Bros. have two griffins, Gay Star and Hopeful Star. I rather like Gay Star, although I am of the opinion that it is not sufficiently advanced to provide any serious challenge in the Derby.

EVE STABLE

The Eve stable, owned by the Sassoons, have entered three ponies in Eve of Destruction, Eve of Folly and Eve of Peace. I am afraid I cannot seriously recommend any of them. They may win races later on, but it is doubtful whether they will do so at the Annual Meeting.

LI PO CHUN STABLE

Mr. Li Po-chun has four new griffins, Attacking Time, Distinctive Time, For All Time and Leading Time. The best is Leading Time, but it seems to be more of a sprinter, and I don't think it will last the Derby distance.

MR. T. K. LI'S STABLE

Mr. T. K. Li has Ohio and O-Lan to represent him, the latter being the better of the two, and it may have a say in the result of the Derby.

OTHER OWNERS

Mrs. J. H. Taggart has an interest in the Blue Riband for the first time, being represented by Craigavad. In appearance it is properly seasoned, with powerful muscles, and it has invariably done well in training, particularly over the last quarter run.

I understand that Mr. C. Encarnacao will be riding Craigavad, and I certainly recommend bearing this combination strongly in mind.

Burford, belonging to Mr. C. B. Brown, has been whispered about as the "dark-horse" for the big race. It is credited with having clocked 1 1/4 miles up North in the good time of 2.26 with a last quarter of 26 secs.

Look out for this Bay stallion is all that I can say for the present.

Mr. Tang Man-wa, the jockey, has a good looking pony in Possible. It will probably win a minor race, but I don't think it is properly equipped for the gruelling Derby.

White Diamond from the Diamonds Stable is also quite good, but I don't think much reliance should be placed on it to win long distance events.

Mrs. Holmes's Victoria, which went lame last year, has had the benefit of one year's rest but it has not yet done any fast work.

At this stage, I can safely say that the best among this year's griffins are the following, and one of them will be the ultimate winner of the Derby:—

Satinlight.
Mount Hope Bay.
Craigavad.
Burford.
Palber.

BILL WOO LEAVING

Bill Woo, coach of the Canadian Chinese softball team, will leave for America next Thursday on a ten months business tour.

Melbourne, Feb. 1.—Since no Davis Cup challenges were received by January 31 there will be no competition in 1940; Australia, therefore, will retain the Cup.—Reuter.

ARMY SPORTLIGHT

By "SQUADDY"

SMALL UNITS have had a tough time this season regarding Rugby fixtures, and it was only after strenuous efforts on the part of the various Rugby secretaries concerned that a few organised fixtures were drawn up.

The whole trouble lay in the fact that there was no ground other than Sookunpoo available for Rugby. The ground at Happy Valley, which had been used in previous years, was rated unfit and Army granted the use of Sookunpoo once a week for Rugby.

Army used this day to play off their League fixtures and as the Small Units had not entered this League they were left with no ground on which to play.

Eventually Middlesex Regiment came to the rescue by loaning their ground at Prince Edward Road on the occasions they were not using it, and as the Regiment is now at Camp the ground has been very kindly lent to Royal Signals for allocation to the other Small Units interested in Rugby. Thanks are due to the officer in charge of the ground for making this possible.

Quadrangular Series

THERE being no competition which they could enter, R.A.M.C., 24th Bty. R.A., Signals and R.A.S.C. conceived the idea of running a Rugby competition of their own and this was commenced yesterday with a match between R.A.M.C. and 24th Bty. R.A.

The teams were as follows:
R.A.M.C.—Pte. Morgan, Pte. MacDonald, Pte. Whyro, Lt. Coombes, Capt. Warrack, Capt. Scriven, Pte. Butler, Pte. Funnell, Cpl. Chandler, Cpl. Edge, Pte. McKay, Pte. Wrigglesworth, Major Curran (Capt.), Pte. Mohan and Pte. Minney.

24th Bty.—Gnr. Howard, Gnr. Mirrors, Gnr. Keeble, Gnr. Larthe, Bde. Plummer, Bde. Foster, Gnr. Pain, Gnr. Tooley, Gnr. Jones, Gnr. Milland, L/Sgt. Wright, Gnr. Apdey, Capt. MacMillan, Gnr. Luckett and Gnr. Hill.

R.A.S.C. have gathered a useful side together but have not had much opportunity to try out their strength owing to duties. They are full of fight however and as keen as mustard. Sgt. Rogers and Dvr. Sneddon have reputations to uphold, Wattear having done good work in this branch of sport previously. Their team is picked from the following: Cpl. Bell, L/Cpl. Hoskin, L/Cpl. MacPherson, L/Cpl. Bird, Dvr. Martin, Dvr. Richards, Dvr. Sneddon, Pte. Kinsford, Pte. Wattear, Dvr. Gray, Dvr. Scougall, Dvr. Foster, Sgt. Rogers, Pte. Clifton, Sgt. Merrifield, Pte. King, L/Cpl. King, L/Cpl. Halder and Pte. Rex.

Royal Signals are also a force to be reckoned with, the mainstays of the team being Sigm. Willis, L/Cpl. Bedford and Sgt. Langley. Willis played for Army at the commencement of the season, and L/Cpl. Bedford is almost in the same class. Sgt. Langley is an old stager at the game with plenty of experience. The remainder of the team, although nearly all newcomers to the game, are showing plenty of GO and should soon reach top form. The team is as follows: L/Cpl. Bedford, L/Cpl. Hunt, L/Cpl. Butler, L/Cpl. Brown, Sgt. Langley, Sigm. Lees, Willis, Hill, Cogbill, Lithauer, Johnson, Sgt. Bevan, Sigm. Morgan, Latter, and Sigm. Bennett.

5th A. A. Weight Tells

IN a friendly game on Wednesday last the heavier 5th A.A. team beat Signals by 15 points to nil. The 5th A.A.'s three were fast off the mark with Sutcliffe showing a good swerve and pace. Sgt. Langley was the pick of the Signals' defence, his tackling breaking up 5th A.A. movements on many occasions. Morgan also did well as scrum-half.

R.A.O.C. Soccer Revival

IN a friendly soccer game yesterday between Signals and R.A.O.C. (new draft) the former won by five clear goals. R.A.O.C. have some very promising players, notably the goalkeeper, left-back and centre-half.

TARLETON RETAINS TITLE

Liverpool, To-day. Ned Tarleton last night won the British and Empire Featherweight boxing titles for the third time in his career when he beat Johnny Cusick, the holder, on points in a thrilling 15-round fight.—Reuter.

Only one game was played yesterday in the Third Round of the Colony Chess Championship, K. Wells defeating Sir Henry Pollock.

MUTT AND JEFF

By BUD FISHER



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Programme
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6.00 p.m.—Compositions of Beethoven.
Fidelio—Overture (Op. 72b)....Felix Weingartner conducting the London Philharmonic Orchestra.
Trio No. 7 In B Flat Major, Op. 97 (The "Arch Duke" Trio)....Cortot, Thibaud and Casals.
With A Coloured Ribbon (Op. 83, No. 3).
The Bliss of Pensive Melancholy (Op. 83, No. 1)....Ellisabeth Schumann (Soprano) with Piano accomp. by George Reeves.
Creation Hymn....Chorus and Orchestra of the State Opera, Berlin.
7.00 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

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9.52 Megacycles

7.02 p.m.—Henry Jacques and His Orchestra.
Slow Fox-Trot—My Heart Will Never Sing Again.
Waltz—The First Quarrel.
Tango—Lonely Troubadour.
Rumba—When Bomba Plays A Rumba.
Fox-Trot—Silver Moon and Golden Sands.
Quickstep—You Can't Stop Me From Dreaming.

7.21 p.m.—Charlie Kunz in Piano Medleys.
Intro: Bir mir bist du schon; Whistling ripsy; Please remember; Bir mir bist du schon.
Charlie Kunz Piano Medley No. D. 17.
Intro: Sunday in the Park; My heaven in the pines; Goodnight angel; Love walked in; So little time; Says my heart.

7.30 p.m.—LONDON RELAY — The News.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—STUDIO—Concert by the "Tower" Orchestra conducted by Robert Moncur.

1. (a) March—The Children of the Regiment (Fuchs); (b) Valse—Luna (Lincke); (c) Bitter Sweet—Selection (Coward).

Interlude: My Dear Soul (Sanderson); In An Old Fashioned Town (Squire); Titterton (Tenor) with Piano.

2. (a) Fantasia—Gypsy Life (Le Theire); (b) Ballad Valse—Dora (Weller).

Interlude: Fill A Glass With Golden Wine (Henley & Quilter); Good Night (Shelley & Davis)....Hubert Elsdell (Tenor) with Piano and Cello Obligato.

3. (a) Selection—The Bing Boys are Here (Ayer); (b) Signing-off Tune—Lady of the Tower.

9.05 p.m.—Three Songs from Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Mikado".
The Criminal Cried....A. Davies, H. A. Lytton, L. Sheffield and Chorus.
See How The Fates....D. Fancourt, B. Lewis, A. Davies, H. A. Lytton, L. Sheffield.

The Flowers That Bloom In The Spring....Derek Oldham and Henry A. Lytton.

9.15 p.m.—LONDON RELAY — News Summary.

9.30 p.m.—LONDON RELAY—"World Affairs".

9.45 p.m.—Harold Ramsay at the Organ.

Six Great Melodies.

Intro: Londonderry Air; Cherry Ripe; Annie Laurie; Black Eyes; Lorelei; O Sole Mio.
Rodeo March (Ramsay).

Famous Tauber Melodies.
Intro: You are my heart's delight; In your arms to-night; Serenade; Villa; Impatience; O Sanctissima.

10.00 p.m.—An Hour of Dance Music.
Fox-Trots—The Darling of the Guards; The Army Fell For Little Isabel....The Casani Club Orchestra.

Tango—Black Orchids.

March—A Ball In Madeira....Oskar Joost Tango Orchestra.

Fox-Trots—The Boston Tea Party; It Ain't Right....Jimmy Dorsey & His Orchestra.
Comedy Waltzes—I'm One of the Lads of Valencia; The Village Band....Ray No-

ble & His Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—In A Little French Casino; Smile When You Say Goodbye (from "The Show Goes On")....Jay Wilbur and His Band.
Quickstep—My Gal Mezzanine.
Slow Fox-Trot—Just Remember....Gerry Moore (Piano).
Tangos—San Fernando; Punto Arenas....Heinz Huppertz & His Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—I Wasn't Lying When I Said I Love You; Midnight Blue....Roy Smeck & His Hawaiian Serenaders.
Waltz—Close To Me.
Fox-Trot—Front Page News....Sydney Lipton & His Grosvenor House Band.
Fox-Trot—Here's Love In Your Eye....Ted Flo Rito & His Orchestra.
11.00 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.

ARMY CRICKET XI

Following will represent Army against Hong Kong Cricket Club at Sookunpoo tomorrow: Capt. D. C. E. Grose (Captain), Major W. G. Harvey, Capt. D. A. Duke, Capt. J. F. Lawrence, Capt. P. J. T. Skip with, Sgt. Denyer, Cpl. Webb, Cpl. Murphy, L/Cpl. Shaw, L/Cpl. Young and Pte. Hatfield.

The second eleven League fixture with Club Recreio has been postponed at Recreio's request.

TEAMS AT H.K.C.C.

The following will play for H.K.C.C. 2nd XI against Police on the Club ground to-morrow:—

H. J. Armstrong, K. J. Attwell, C. W. E. Bishop, G. P. Charlton, R. D. Gillespie, J. Hackney, R. S. W. Patterson, J. E. Potter, W. G. Pryde, D. S. Robb, and A. N. Other.

Police:—Pope, Hunter, Kirby, Carey Loughlin, Forrest, Estall, Danbrowsky Lewis and Brooks.

The friendly cricket match between Hong Kong University and Royal Engineers will take place on Sunday at 2 p.m. and not to-morrow.

BILLIARDS, SNOOKER

A billiards and snooker match in the Steel-Coulson League was played between Prison's Officers' Club and Craigengower at the Valley last evening, P.O. Club winning 4-2.

Billiards—Craigengower:—Kitchell 68, Sling 150, Solina 84. P.O. Club:—Pile 150, Gooding 38, Gowland 150.

Snooker—Craigengower:—Ladd 38, Sling 45, Solina 52. P.O. Club:—Drewery 48, Grindley 48, Marvin 38.



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TRADING ONE TRICK FOR TWO

A glance at the North and South hands would make it that South at his four-spade contract would have to lose two tricks each in diamonds and clubs. However, being an extremely resourceful player, South managed to make his contract aided by an excusable slip on the part of the opponents.

South, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable
 ♠ K Q 8 7 5
 ♥ 6 4
 ♦ J 10 2
 ♣ Q 7 3
 ♠ 6 4
 ♥ Q J 9 7
 ♦ 5 2
 ♣ K Q 8 2
 ♠ A J 10 3
 ♥ A K 10 8
 ♦ 9 8
 ♣ A 4 2

The bidding:
 South West North East
 1♠ 2♥ 2♠ 3♣
 4♠ Pass Pass Pass

West opened the Jack of clubs. South played low from dummy and won with the Ace. Next Declarer played two rounds of trumps, landing in dummy, and then made a deceptive play. He led a small diamond from dummy, which West won with the Queen.

It appeared to West as though South was taking a diamond finesse. Hence, a shift was made to the Queen of hearts. Winning with the Ace, Declarer led his remaining diamond. West jumped in with the King and played a third diamond, which South trumped.

Being certain that West held no more clubs, South was now able to execute a strip play. He simply led

out the ten of hearts. West won with the Queen, but was now in a hopeless situation. If he played a diamond, South would discard a club from dummy and trump in his hand, then throw dummy's last club on his high heart. Likewise, a heart lead in to Declarer's tenace would be equally fatal, and again dummy's two clubs would be discarded. South had made a good trade for, by giving up a trick in hearts, he had saved two tricks in clubs.

You were David Bruce Burnstone's partner yesterday. Both sides were vulnerable, both had 60 on score and you held:

♠ x
 ♥ A x x x x
 ♦ A x x x
 ♣ K J x

The bidding:
 Maier You Jacoby Burnstone
 1♠ (1)

ANSWER: Your correct bid is to double. While this bid is fraught with some danger, you cannot sit back and let the opponents win the rubber without some effort to defend it.

Score 100% for double, 20% for two hearts (with your holding you want to let your partner choose the suit), 0 for pass (this is overtimorous.)

QUESTION NO. 324
 Oswald Jacoby is your partner. Both sides are vulnerable and you hold:

♠ x x x
 ♥ K J 10 x x
 ♦ Q x
 ♣ K x x

The bidding:
 Schenken Jacoby Maier You
 1♠ Dbl. Pass (1)
 What do you bid? (Answer Monday.)

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FORTY-SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THIS COMPANY will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on FRIDAY, the 16th February, 1940, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1939.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Friday, the 9th February, 1940, to Friday, the 16th February, 1940, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,

C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary & Manager.
Hong Kong, 25th Jan., 1940.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of HONGKONG TRAMWAYS LIMITED will be held at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, the 16th day of February, 1940, at 12 o'clock noon, to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the REGISTER OF MEMBERS of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 2nd to FRIDAY, the 16th February, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board
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Hong Kong, 25th Jan., 1940.

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**PUBLIC AUCTION**

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 5th day of February, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Mong Kok, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Saturday, 3rd. February to Thursday, 15th. February, both days inclusive.

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HONG KONG FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION**INTERPORT MATCHES**

Hong Kong v Saigon.
Thursday, February 8, 1940.

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Friday, February 9, 1940.

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Sunday, February 11, 1940.

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BERNE, TO-DAY.

AS FURTHER CONFIRMATION OF THE OPINION PREVALENT IN EUROPE THAT THE SPRING WILL BRING AN OFFENSIVE ON THE WESTERN FRONT, THE BERLIN CORRESPONDENTS OF SWISS NEWSPAPERS REPORT FREQUENT CONFERENCES IN THE LAST FEW DAYS BETWEEN CHIEFS OF THE GERMAN ARMY, NAVY AND AIR FORCE.

The correspondent of the "Corriere del Ticino" adds that a major German offensive in the near future is almost certain.

The Reich, the correspondent says, must try to bring about a decision before next Winter, a period it could hardly face owing to the increasing difficulties in obtaining raw materials.

NAZI PLOT UNEARTHED

London, To-day.

According to the Capetown correspondent of the "Daily Express" the South African Government has unearthed a Nazi counter-espionage ring which was sending South African military secrets to the Reich.

Headquarters of the ring were in Portuguese East Africa, the correspondent reports, and the Nazis used pigeons to send out the information.—Reuter.

The correspondent of the "Neue Zuercher Zeitung" says that as the result of Hitler's conferences with the Air Force chiefs, the swooping of great fleets of German bombers on the English coasts accompanied by attacks on shipping on an unprecedented scale, may be expected in the next few weeks.

Conferences in the last few days have been drawing up plans for the attacks, which are likely to be concentrated on British ports.—Havas.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that a depression is moving north-eastward across the Loochoos, separating the anticyclone into areas of high pressures covering China and the Pacific to the east of the Bonins.

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Shanghai, To-day.

The police vigil at last night's gun battle in Shansi Road, near Peking Road, terminated at 10.30 this morning when the remaining gunmen surrendered to the combined Police and Reserve Unit forces.

Shanghai's latest "Sidney Street" affair thus concluded with nine suspects arrested, seven pistols seized, two bandits on top of slabs at the Public Mortuary and two foreign policemen wounded in the General Hospital.

Two of the bandits refused to surrender last night but were subsequently trapped like animals. For some time this morning they could be seen on top of the roof.

In addition to the two British police officers, a Chinese detective was also wounded. — Our Own Correspondent.

Washington, To-day.

Members of the State Department are reported to be of opinion that a non-military loan to Finland would not violate international law, and therefore it is considered probable that the Senate foreign relations committee will vote the proposed increase in capital of the Import and Export Bank of \$100,000,000 to enable the loan to be made.

Meanwhile the "Washington Post" makes a bitter attack on Congress for its attitude to the Finnish question, declaring, "If the Finns aren't to go under, aid from the outside world must be forthcoming soon. It is this which makes the spectacle of Congressional indecision on the proposed loan such a mockery of American public opinion. The Finnish loan question is being wrapped in miles of red tape."—Reuter.

At a Board Meeting held this morning, the Directors of The Hong Kong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd. decided to recommend a Final Dividend of \$1.50 per share, making \$2.75 in all for the year 1939.

Helsinki, To-day.

Kemi, an important town in the Gulf of Bothnia, was subjected to an intensive Soviet air raid yesterday, and communications were practically severed.

Northern headquarters of the Finnish army at Rovaniemi were also much damaged by an air raid and have now been evacuated except for persons conducting essential services.—Reuter.

Shanghai, To-day.

Heavy snowfall occurred this morning. Intense cold is still claiming many victims of the coolie and destitute class. Bodies are being picked up everywhere. —Our Own Correspondent.

A police launch towing a burned junk attracted considerable attention among passengers crossing the ferry at 1.30 p.m. to-day.

It was ascertained that the junk had been set on fire yesterday near San Mun Customs Station by Japanese sailors who forced the crew into a small sampan.

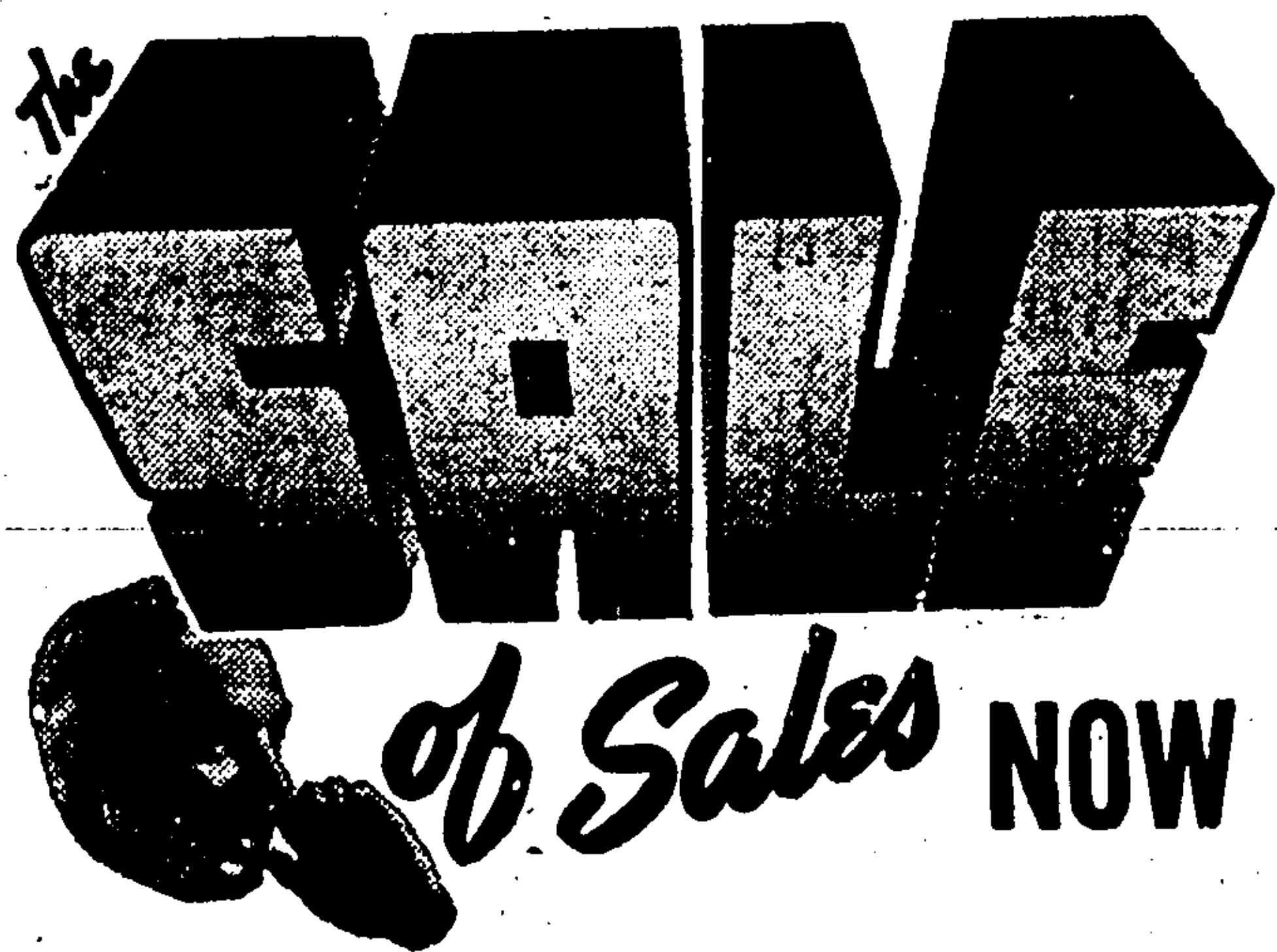
When the Japanese departed, the crew returned to the burning junk and managed to put out the fire.

They were picked up outside the harbour this morning and towed in.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The wedding of Mr. George Moss and Miss K. E. Tonge has been postponed until Thursday, February 8, at 3 p.m., owing to the late arrival of the boat on which Miss Tonge is arriving.

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